



ALPHA SIGMA PHI

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HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

The Health and Safety Guidelines of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity includes the provisions which follow and shall apply to all fraternity entities and all levels of fraternity membership.

HAZING

The Chapter and members must comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws regarding hazing. No chapter, provisional chapter, student, or alumnus shall conduct nor condone hazing activities.

The term “hazing” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against any individual or group of individuals, regardless of affiliation, whether or not committed on Chapter property, for the purpose of recruiting, joining, pledging, initiating, admitting, affiliating, or for the purpose of retaining membership in an organization that causes an individual or group of individuals to do any of the following, regardless of a person’s willingness to participate:

- Be coerced to violate federal, state, provincial, local law, or Alpha Sigma Phi policy.
- Be coerced to consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug, or other substance in any non-customary manner which subjects the individual or group of individuals to a substantial risk of emotional or physical harm which includes but not limited to sickness, vomiting, intoxication, or unconsciousness.
- Endure brutality of a physical nature, including but not limited to whipping, beating, paddling, branding, dangerous physical activity, or exposure to elements or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.
- Endure brutality of a mental nature, including but not limited to activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact or conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.
- Endure any other activity which adversely affects the health and safety of an individual including, but not limited to, the disruption of academic performance or class attendance, required designated driving programs, line ups, calisthenics, or personal, physical, or financial servitude.

The Membership Orientation Program shall be executed by the Vice President of Membership Enrichment. If the Chapter chooses to have other Brothers participate, the President and Membership Enrichment Advisor must approve all activities. All events shall take place between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS

In any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, including those that occur on or off organizational/chapter premises:

- The chapter, members and guests must comply with all federal, state, provincial and local laws.
- No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide or be provided alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages must either be:
 - Provided and sold on a per-drink basis by a licensed and insured third-party vendor (e.g., restaurant, bar, caterer, etc.); or
 - Brought by individual members and guests through a bring your own beverage (“BYOB”) system.
- Alcoholic beverages that contain greater than 15% alcohol by volume (or 30 proof) are prohibited, including, but not limited to any hard alcohol.
- Common sources of alcohol, including bulk quantities, which are not being served by a licensed and insured third party vendor, are prohibited (i.e., amounts of alcohol greater than what a reasonable person should consume over the duration of an event).

- Attendance by non-members at any event where alcohol is present must be by invitation only. Events must be limited to a guest-to-member ratio of no more than 3:1 for events with alcohol, provided that no event may exceed fire code. At least 50% of Prudential Board members must be present at any event with alcohol, with required presence by the Chapter President and/or the Vice President of Standards.
- Alcoholic beverages must not be purchased with chapter funds or funds pooled by members or guests (e.g., admission fees, cover fees, collecting funds through digital apps, etc.).
- Any event or activity related to the new member joining process (e.g., recruitment, rush, etc.) must be substance free. No alcohol or drugs may be present if the event or activity is related to new member activities, meetings, or initiation into an organization, including but not limited to “bid night,” “big/little” events or activities, “family” events or activities, and any ritual or ceremony.
- The chapter, members or guests must not permit, encourage, coerce, glorify or participate in any activities involving the rapid consumption of alcohol, such as drinking games.
- A chapter must not co-host or co-sponsor, or in any way participate in, an activity or event with an other group or entity that purchases or provides alcohol. A chapter must not co-host or co-sponsor an event with a bar, event promoter, or alcohol distributor; however, a chapter may rent a bar, restaurant, or other licensed and insured third-party vendor to host a chapter event.
- The chapter, members and guests must follow the federal law regarding illegal drugs and controlled substances. No person may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell, and/or manufacture illegal drugs or other controlled substances while on chapter premises or at any activity or event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter.

SEXUAL ABUSE & HARASSMENT

The Fraternity will not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions, activities, or events, whether on chapter premises or an off-site location which are demeaning to women or men, including but not limited to verbal harassment, sexual assault by individuals or members acting together. The employment or use of strippers, exotic dancers, or similar, whether professional or amateur, at a fraternity event as defined in this policy is prohibited.

FIRE, HEALTH, & SAFETY

- All chapter houses should meet all local fire and health codes and standards.
- All chapters should have posted emergency numbers for fire, police, and ambulance and should have posted evacuation routes on the back of the door of each sleeping room.
- All chapters should comply with engineering recommendations as reported by the insurance company or municipal authorities.
- The possession and/or use of firearms or explosive or incendiary devices of any kind within the confines and premises of the chapter house are expressly forbidden.

RETALIATION

Alpha Sigma Phi prohibits retaliation against any individual – members and non-members – for reporting, inquiring, or cooperating with a report around a violation of our Health and Safety Guidelines.

Retaliation is any action, statement, or behavior that is designed to punish an individual for filing a report, cooperating with an investigation, seeking guidance regarding a concern, or to deter one from taking such action.

HOW TO REPORT

To report a violation of the Health and Safety Guidelines, please utilize one (or more) of the options below:

- In case of an emergency, call 911.
- Contact the local Chapter President to report.
- Contact the Grand Chapter Advisor to report.
- Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity participates in the hazing hotline specifically to report hazing: 1-888-NOT-HAZE.
- Call the International Headquarters at 317-843-1911, 24/7.