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Campus Hazing Transparency Report

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This Hazing Transparency Report provides information related to campus hazing, including details on incidents of hazing reported to Ball State University.

Ball State University hazing statistics are available in the Annual Security Report (Clery) and can be found at [Annual Security | Ball State University](#). Hazing statistics for 2025 will be available in the 2026 Annual Security Report. In addition, the ASR contains a statement of policies and programming related to hazing, including how to report and the process used to investigate incidents of hazing, as well as information on applicable local, State, and Tribal laws.

Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that: (1) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, any organization operating under the sanction of Ball State University; and (2) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in Ball State activities or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team) of physical or psychological injury. More information can be found by reviewing the [Hazing Policy](#).

Additional information related to the investigation, citation, sanction or punishment, and group or organization is available upon request and in accordance with IC 5-14-3 (access to public records). Personal identifiable information protected by [FERPA](#) will not be released. Ball State's process to request access to public records is available at [Request for Access to Public Records - General Counsel | Ball State University](#). Records related to hazing incidents will be maintained for at least five years from the date of this report.

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Name of Organization investigated: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Organization Recognized by Student Life: Yes

Date of incident: December 4-5, 2025

Date investigation began: May 15, 2026

Date investigation ended and resulted in a charge: June 12, 2026

Date organization was notified of the hazing violation/charged with policy violation: June 12, 2026

Date sanctions went into effect: June 15, 2026

Summary of the incident:

Multiple members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have been hazed within the past several years. A member was hospitalized in December 2025 due to alcohol consumption during his big brother night. The new member drank an assortment of alcohol, completed physical exercises, was asked trivia questions, and attempted to eat food soaked in alcohol, resulting in a physical injury and hospitalization. Members also indicated that line-ups took place regularly as a part of the new member process, often including physical exercises. New members were expected to clean the chapter house, keep a book of information about older members, and were given difficult tasks to complete in the dark. The new member process lasted significantly longer than Sigma Alpha Epsilon Headquarters expectations.

Investigation findings:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon accepted responsibility for violating the university's hazing policy.

Sanctions imposed on the organization:

- Loss of recognition as a student organization on Ball State's campus with an opportunity to return no earlier than 2030