

# START A NEW TRADITION. STOP HAZING.

*Recognizing, reporting, and preventing hazing at KU*

## WHAT IS HAZING?

Hazing is any activity expected of someone who is joining a group (or who is trying to maintain full status in a group) that humiliates, degrades, or risks harming that person emotionally or physically, **regardless of the person's willingness to participate.**

## WHY IS HAZING HARMFUL?

Hazing interferes with the academic mission of the university; in addition, it endangers the health and welfare of students and can have extremely harmful effects on the University of Kansas community.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you become aware of hazing or suspect hazing, report it.

You can report hazing anonymously online using the form found at [www.preventhazing.ku.edu](http://www.preventhazing.ku.edu). **We will investigate.**

## HOW DO I RECOGNIZE HAZING?

**You might notice the following:**

Students dressed in the *same outfit or uniform*

Students who write papers about *excessive study hours* or being awakened at odd hours or not being able to go back to their residence during the day

Students discussing *alcohol consumption* that is out of the ordinary

Students having to *walk in a line* while on campus

Students *leaving class* as a group before class has been dismissed

Students *not allowed to speak* in class or to certain individuals

Students consistently *falling asleep* in class, particularly in classes later in the day

Students who look like they haven't *showered or changed clothes*

## KU'S ANTI-HAZING POLICY

KU prohibits hazing under the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

It is a violation if any student "engages in hazing of another person for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or continuation of membership in any organization operating under the sanction of the university. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any action, activity, or situation which recklessly, negligently or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health, welfare, or safety of a person, creates excessive fatigue, sleep deprivation, mental or physical discomfort, exposes a person to extreme embarrassment or ridicule, involves personal servitude, destroys or removes public or private property, or implicitly or explicitly interferes with the academic requirements or responsibilities of a student. It is presumed that hazing is a forced activity regardless of the apparent willingness of an individual to participate in the activity. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not neutral; both are violations of this rule."