

Bethel College Hazing Policy and Transparency Report

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Under Kansas law ([K.S.A. 21-5418](#)), hazing is defined as recklessly coercing, demanding, or encouraging someone to perform an act for social or fraternal organization membership that could reasonably result in great bodily harm, disfigurement, or death.

- **The Statute:** [Kansas Statute 21-5418](#) prohibits reckless coercion or encouragement of dangerous initiation acts.
- **The Penalty:** Hazing in Kansas is classified as a **class B nonperson misdemeanor**

Bethel College prohibits hazing, considering it a serious violation of the college's policy and potentially a criminal offense. The college's code of conduct applies to all students, and hazing violations can lead to disciplinary actions, including expulsion. The college also provides specific guidelines and procedures for investigating and addressing hazing incidents.

Key Aspects of Bethel College's Hazing Policy:

- **Prohibition:**
Hazing is strictly prohibited in all forms, whether it involves physical, mental, or emotional harm, and whether it occurs on or off-campus in connection with college activities.
- **Reporting:**
Students, faculty, and staff can report hazing incidents to the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students Office.
- **Investigations:**
The college will investigate all reported hazing incidents, and investigations will be conducted thoroughly and impartially.
- **Emergency Situations:**
If a hazing incident involves an imminent threat to someone's health or safety, students are encouraged to call 911 and cooperate with emergency officials. While students reporting such emergencies will not be disciplined for alcohol or drug violations related

to the incident, the incident will be documented, and educational interventions may be required.

- **State Law:**

Hazing is also addressed by Kansas state law, and individuals found guilty of hazing can face criminal penalties.

- **Examples of Hazing:**

Hazing can include various activities, such as physical activities, coerced consumption of substances, humiliation, and activities that negatively impact a person's well-being.

- **Reporting Mechanisms:**

Students are encouraged to report any suspected hazing activities to the appropriate college administration.

- **Amnesty:**

Students who report hazing in good faith may be granted amnesty, which means they will not be penalized for their participation in the hazing activity if it was reported.

- **Review Process:**

The college's hazing policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.

- **Educational Efforts:**

Bethel College is committed to educating students, advisors, faculty, and staff about the dangers of hazing and the importance of creating a safe environment.

- Students are offered hazing education through Vector Solutions online training each academic year.