

**The Grand Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Commitment to Promote Chapter and Individual Responsibility**

Pursuant to resolutions adopted at Grand Chapter Conclaves held in 1991 and 1993, all chapters are required to review the Fraternity's "Statement on Chapter and Individual Responsibility" with their membership and make a commitment to abide by it.

This statement embodies the values of the fraternity and the expectation that all members commit to respect and care for self and others. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action and loss of insurance protection. The Fraternity's general liability policy affording coverage and defense shall not apply to any person(s) who directly cause or perpetrate the following actions:

**Hazing**

The Grand Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and its National Board of Directors are on record as having a zero tolerance policy for hazing in any form or degree. Article I, Section 4, of the Grand Chapter Bylaws states:

"Any pre-initiation activity shall be of a constructive nature in accordance with the purposes and objectives of the Fraternity, and all forms of hazing and those activities commonly associated with 'Hell Week' are prohibited."

Hazing activities are generally defined as: "Any action taken or situation created, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, the following: use of alcohol, paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law or ritual, the regulations and policies of the educational institution or applicable local, state, or federal law."

**Sexual or Physical Assault or Abuse**

The Fraternity abhors any form of abusive behavior collectively or by an individual, be it sexual, physical, mental, or emotional. Neither a Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter nor any member thereof should encourage, support, or participate in any action which in any manner demeans, belittles, or damages another person.

**The Purchase of Alcohol with Chapter Funds or Abuse of Alcohol by Chapters or Members**

The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages while participating in any fraternity event, or in any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, will be consistent with all campus, city, county, state laws, and all the policies of the Fraternity. Every chapter event must ensure that no alcohol can be consumed by minors.

No brother or new member should condone, tolerate, encourage, or participate in the abuse of alcohol. There should never be any alcohol available during membership recruitment activities or membership education programs/events.

The direct or indirect purchase of alcoholic beverages by the chapter using chapter funds or by any member on behalf of the chapter or through any type of fund is against Sigma Phi Epsilon's risk management policies. Additionally, no chapter should associate the Fraternity's name with any event sponsored by an alcohol distributor or tavern nor co-sponsor or co-finance a function where alcohol is purchased by an organization.

**The Possession, Sale, or Use of Illegal Drugs**

Possession, use, and/or sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances at any chapter facility, fraternity event, or any event associated with the Fraternity is strictly prohibited.

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**This is to certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity has:**

- **Reviewed the “Statement on Chapter and Individual Responsibility” with its members, and**
- **Discussed general liability insurance exclusions as outlined above, and**
- **Committed to providing risk management education for its members, and**
- **Executed membership agreements with all members of the chapter.**

Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter President

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President of Finance

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President of Programming

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President of Member Development

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President of Recruitment

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President of Communication

\_\_\_\_\_, Chaplain

\_\_\_\_\_, Chapter Counselor or AVC Member

**Chapters failing to return this document to Headquarters will be considered in violation of Grand Chapter legislation.**