

Hazing Prevention

New Student Orientation

Shoreline

COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Safety is Our Priority

For as long as you are a part of our campus community, there are a number of resources available to promote a positive, safe learning environment for all students.

Title IX

Federal law that requires gender equity and nondiscrimination in all College programs, services, and activities.

Hazing Prevention

Measures taken by colleges to eliminate hazing and its harm to students, including student educational programming, employee training, reporting, and other compliance steps.

Student Conduct

Policy that supports student academic freedom and due process, and responsibility for academic honesty and other behavioral expectations as members of the Shoreline college community.

Bias Reporting

Conduct, speech, or behavior motivated by prejudice or bias. Shoreline Community College is deeply committed to creating a supportive and welcoming environment for all people and responding to acts of bias.

**Overview of
Policies &
Processes
Designed to
Support All
Students**

Hazing Prevention: College Conduct Code

- (a) Hazing is any act committed as part of
 - (1) a person's recruitment, initiation, pledging, admission into, or affiliation with a student group, or
 - (2) any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such a student group;
 - (3) that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, or serious psychological or emotional harm, to any student.
- (b) Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Causing, directing, coercing, or forcing a person to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance which subjects the person to risk of such harm;
 - (2) Humiliation by ritual act;
 - (3) Striking another person with an object or body part;
 - (4) Causing someone to experience excessive fatigue, or physical and/or psychological shock; or
 - (5) Causing someone to engage in degrading or humiliating games or activities that create a risk of serious psychological, emotional, and/or physical harm.
- (c) "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions.[2]
- (d) Consent is not a valid defense against hazing.

What is Hazing?

Examples of hazing include:

- Compelling someone to consume alcohol or drugs
- Compelling someone to participate in unlawful destruction of property
- Subjecting someone to pranks or any other form of degrading treatment that causes harm to an individual or group

Could It Be Hazing?

If conditions of membership involve any of these activities, it may be considered hazing:

- Physical abuse
- Sleep deprivation, physical strain, hitting/slapping
- Consumption or use of alcohol or drugs
- Anything that you would not be comfortable discussing in public
- Risk to health, life, or safety
- Caused or has/had the potential to cause injury
- Activities that could cause psychological trauma

Please Note: This list is not exhaustive but may help individuals reflect on the nature of the activity.

Anti-Hazing Policy, and Anti-Hazing Policy for Groups, Clubs & Organizations (drafts)

Hazing is prohibited within the Shoreline Community College community.

This policy applies to student organizations, groups, and individuals and is effective from enrollment to commencement, including breaks in the academic year. It also applies to conduct on and off campus.

Violation of the stated hazing policy may subject participants, including students and organizations, to arrest, prosecution and/or disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion of students and the revocation of an organization's registration and/or recognition at the college. Violation could also result in loss of scholarships or state grants.

Anti- Hazing Policy, and Anti-Hazing Policy for Groups, Clubs & Organizations

If college community members are asked to take part in hazing activities, or if they are uncomfortable with the instructions given as a new member, they have the right to say no. If the organization engages in behaviors that college community members believe are hazing, they do not have to participate or support such activities and need to report them.

College community members have a duty to report violations of this policy of which they become aware...

Hazing Prevention

Student clubs and organizations, athletic teams, and 7000 Campus Living residents will receive additional information as part of hazing prevention efforts at the College.

The College will investigate any reports received.

Resource Link

For more information, including more Hazing Prevention in-depth training (coming soon) and/or to report a concern, please visit <https://www.shoreline.edu/about-shoreline/hazing-prevention.aspx>