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Safety of Women Students in Fraternity Houses

We are committed to safe learning and living environments for all of our students.

This joint initiative by the Office of Greek Life and the MU Fraternity Alumni Consortium addresses the safety of women students in fraternity houses.

Our goal is for these policies and procedures to be implemented and operating at the start of the Fall 2015 Semester.

Policies

Women Students as Guests in Fraternity Houses

Women students are restricted from being guests in fraternity houses during certain high risk periods. The high risk periods are:

- 10:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights;
- every night during the first week of each semester (syllabus week);
- the night of Stop Day each semester.

Social and Recruitment Events

Fraternities and sororities are prohibited from holding social events outside of Columbia. All fraternity and sorority social events must be held in Columbia.

Fraternities are prohibited from conducting float trips as recruitment events.

Alcohol

Distilled spirits including but not limited to grain alcohol, vodka, gin, whiskey, bourbon, scotch, rum and tequila are prohibited in fraternity and sorority houses at all times.

Beer is the only alcoholic beverage permitted in fraternity houses that have alcohol accreditation.

Drugs

Fraternities and sororities are required to conduct mandatory drug tests.

Implementation

The Office of Greek Life will issue policies addressing women students as guests in fraternity houses, social and recruitment events and drug testing.

IFC will issue a policy regarding alcohol.

Fraternity house corporations will include provisions that address women students as guests in fraternity houses, alcohol and drug testing in their leases and house rules.

Education

We will conduct a Sexual Assault Summit for all fraternity and sorority leaders as the first step in addressing sexual assault in the Greek Community.

We will educate all freshmen and transfer students about sexual assault at the beginning of their first semester on campus.

Monitoring and Enforcement

Fraternities are required to employ security personnel during the high risk periods to monitor compliance with University policies and house corporation leases and rules and help ensure the safety of all guests.

IFC will strengthen the audit process.

Student Conduct will implement stringent consequences for multiple failed audits.

Fraternities will hold their members accountable for violating these policies and rules.

Sororities will hold their members accountable for violating these policies and rules.

Student Conduct will hold all students accountable, including women students, for violating these policies and rules.

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