

The Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA), enacted on December 23, 2024, amends the Clery Act to prioritize the prevention of and transparency about hazing incidents at colleges and universities.

Rosemont College's Mission Statement calls for respect, dignity and care for our community members. It is expected that all organizations and groups within the Rosemont college community will be aligned with this mission. Hazing is strictly prohibited by Rosemont College and any individuals or organizations found violating these policies will be held accountable, including removal from the organization, closing down the organization, suspension or expulsion, as well as community service or restitution.

Federal Law and Pennsylvania State law provide definitions and regulations concerning hazing. Hazing should not be a part of any tradition within an organization, club or athletic team at the College. The Pennsylvania state law on anti-hazing is formally known as the **Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law**. In Pennsylvania, consent of the victim cannot be used as a defense in a civil suit. This consent may not be valid because of peer pressure or fear. Often hazing is done to supposedly foster trust and unity among a group, but it really reinforces conformity, fear and insecurity.

Under the Stop Campus Hazing Act, "hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate that:

- Is committed during an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
- Causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered during participation in the institution of higher education or the organization of physical or psychological injury including-
 - Whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing harmful substances on someone's body, or similar activity.
 - Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or similar activity.
 - Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs or other substances.
 - Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts.
 - Any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm using threatening words or conduct;

- Any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, tribal, or Federal law; and
- Any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law.”

Clery Act crime statistics within the Annual Security Report (ASR) represent reports of Clery Act crimes occurring within Clery Act defined geography made to campus security authorities (CSAs) as defined by the Clery Act or to local police agencies. Hazing incidents will be included in the ASR:

- When reported by a CSA or to local police agencies.
- The incident occurred within Clery Act geography; and
- The incident meets the Clery Act definition of hazing.

Rosemont College instituted training modules, delivered by Vector Solutions for all students enrolled in the College and all employees and staff as of August 25, 2025. All persons associated with any group were required to discuss with those persons the impact of hazing and how to prevent it from occurring.

Students may bring matters of hazing to the Office of Student Affairs, the Athletic Director, the Office of Public Safety or the Title IX Office at any time. The purpose of reporting is not to cause trouble for students, but rather to protect them. Here are some additional reporting resources:

- Public Safety -610-527-1038 or extension #2554 from a campus phone
- 911 for off-campus emergencies
- Any Resident Assistant or Resident Director
- Dean of Students Office – 610-527-0200 ext.#2187
- You may also report anonymously – via the Raven Safe Act or leave an anonymous phone message on any of the campus office phone numbers listed above.

All members of the College community need to be aware of the possibility of hazing and how to ensure the safety of all members of the community. Being an active bystander means they have been educated about hazing, and the effects hazing can have on students who have been hazed. Hazing is an act of power and control over others and victimizes those being hazed. Hazing is an abusive practice, degrading to others and can cause serious physical and emotional damage, including loss of life.