



RIDER UNIVERSITY

Hazing Transparency Report 2022 - 2025

Executive Summary:

In compliance with the Federal "Stop Campus Hazing Act" law, Rider University publishes this Hazing Report to disclose substantiated findings of hazing involving Fraternity and Sorority Life organizations or affiliated individuals from 2022 through 2025.

This report includes only cases in which investigations concluded with a finding of responsibility. Allegations that were unsubstantiated, inconclusive, or unsupported by sufficient evidence are not included.

Rider University remains committed to maintaining a safe, vibrant, and inclusive campus environment and to holding individuals and organizations accountable for behaviors that violate university policy and federal and state law.

Summary of Findings by Year:

| Year | Organizations Found Responsible |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 2023 | 1 |
| 2024 | 0 |
| 2025 | 0 |

2023

Number of Organizations Found Responsible: 1

Organization: Chi Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Date of Allegations: October 17, 2023

Summary:

The Department of Public Safety initiated an investigation after a student reported hazing activities involving an unauthorized “underground” process. Allegations included physical abuse such as paddling and wrestling, as well as forced labor, inflicted on aspirants of the Chi Alpha Chapter by a former undergraduate member and current undergraduate members.

Investigation Findings:

The investigation substantiated the allegations of hazing. The chapter was formally charged with violations of:

- Section 2.2: Attempted/Actual Physical Abuse
- Section 2.6: Hazing
- Section 2.8: Disorderly Conduct

The investigation determined that the physical abuse was carried out by a former undergraduate member, who at the time, was not affiliated with the Chi Alpha Chapter. While the undergraduate members of the Chi Alpha chapter at the time did not directly participate in the physical hazing, they were aware of the behaviors carried out by the former member and failed to report it.

Sanctions:

- Undergraduate members named in the investigation were found responsible for violating Section 2.6 (Hazing) and Section 7.2 (Giving False Information) and were sanctioned accordingly.
- The former undergraduate member was found responsible for violations of Sections 2.2, 2.6, and 2.8 and was sanctioned accordingly.
- Non-Rider individuals named in the investigation were declared Persona Non Grata (PNG) and are prohibited from campus indefinitely.
- The chapter was suspended for a period of two years and is not eligible for reinstatement until September 2026.

Date of Resolution: February 26, 2024

2024

Number of Organizations Found Responsible: 0

Summary:

There were no substantiated reports of hazing, and no organizations were found responsible during this year.

2025

Number of Organizations Found Responsible: 0

Summary:

There were no substantiated reports of hazing, and no organizations were found responsible during this year.