



Swarthmore College Campus Hazing Transparency Report: August 2026

Swarthmore College prohibits any form of hazing, whether the activities occur on or off property owned or operated by the College. Additionally, the College supports and enforces the Stop Campus Hazing Act which amended the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act in 2024 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law, Act 80 of 2018. The following information was collected with respect to hazing incidents reported to the institution, and for which there were findings of responsibility. As required by the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, twice a year (January 1, and August 1) the College will provide the College community with a report that includes information about violations that have been reported to the College for the prior five (5) consecutive years with statistical data collection beginning January 1, 2025.

All of the institution's statistics of reports of hazing, as well as other campus safety information, are housed in the Annual Fire Safety and Security Report which can be found at <https://www.swarthmore.edu/asr>, or a hard copy can be requested at the Swarthmore College Department of Public Safety located at the Benjamin West House, 180 North Chester Rd., Swarthmore, Pa 19081. A copy of the institution's Daily Crime Log, which includes 60 days of reported crimes identified by the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, can also be viewed at the same location and includes all reported acts of hazing and other Clery reportable crimes.

The College's Anti-Hazing Policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff, including student organizations, and other persons associated with a student organization (coaches, advisors, alumni, or others in different roles) through which they may have occasion to allow, facilitate, or disregard acts of Hazing, Aggravated Hazing, or Organizational Hazing. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any behavior and/or acts of servitude that is designed or intended to humiliate, degrade, embarrass, harass, or ridicule an individual, or that which a reasonable person would deem harmful or potentially harmful to an individual's physical, emotional, or psychological well-being, as an actual or perceived condition of new or continued affiliation with any organization, and/or team. Hazing also includes knowingly or recklessly engaging in such behavior and/or acts. Engagement in any of these behaviors, regardless of the intent to cause harm or the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity, for the purpose of initiation, admission, or continued affiliation and/or membership, is a violation of this policy.

Swarthmore College's full Anti-Hazing Policy can be found at: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/student-handbook/swarthmore-college-anti-hazing-policy>



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Date of Incident	Date Reported to Institution	Date Investigation Initiated	Date of Formal Finding of Responsibility	Date of Notice to Student Organization of Finding	Organization and/or Students	Details	Sanctions/Outcome
Multiple dates December '25- January '26	1/23/2026	1/26/2026	7/22/2026	7/22/2026	Men's and Women's Swimming Teams	Report alleged members of both teams engaged in forced/coerced consumption of food after members were assigned 'challenges' and did not complete them in the allotted time as part of "Traditions".	Both teams were found responsible for violating the College's Anti Hazing Policy with both teams receiving an official College reprimand. Additionally, team leadership, Captains, and "Culture Curators" are required to meet with Student Activities leadership in the Fall of '26 to review and develop all team traditions and/or 'challenges' to be sure they comply with applicable laws and policy.