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Off-Campus = Off-the-Hook?

Spring is here! As the weather warms, your fraternity or sorority may be planning more events off-campus. Chapter or recruiting events may be held at a lake, a rental, or a private home. Does being off-campus mean that you are off-the-hook as far as risks? Absolutely not.



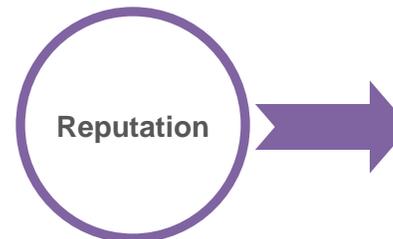
Criminal laws, like hazing statutes and drinking laws, apply on and off-campus. In fact, being out-of-town could be worse for the offender. Police and courts don't look fondly on those who bring crime to their jurisdiction. One of the more prominent **recent hazing cases** actually occurred at an out-of-state rental.



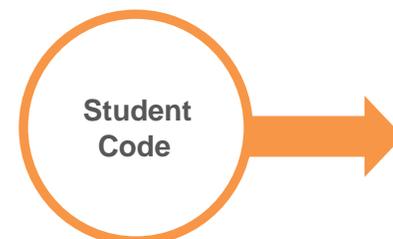
Is security sufficient? Are the premises safe? The same rules of good events apply at your chapter house and off campus. Off-campus locations need to be checked for hazards too.



Will your chapter insurance protect your group for events off-campus? Do you need a special event policy? Better check first. Don't find out the bad news later.



Even if it's not "your" event, your reputation may be ruined by off-campus misconduct. Remind your members who they represent, even when they may think they are on their own.



Your student code of conduct allows punishment for certain off-campus wrongs. Plan ahead to avoid the conduct process later.

Great weather often brings great freedom and fun, but risks must still be managed. Off-campus does not mean off-the-hook.