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“House of Horrors” Alleged at LSU – Mass Arrests Follow

Despite all the fallout from a 2017 death of a freshman pledge, another fraternity at LSU is making national headlines for hazing. Eleven members, including current and former students, [were recently arrested](#). After an internal and external investigation, [Nationals announced its closing of the chapter](#).

These arrests follow a period of increased awareness of hazing and its dangers in Louisiana, including legislative action to strengthen laws and increased punishments for violators. In May 2018, [hazing became a felony](#) in the state. The charges against these members range from misdemeanors to felonies, including criminal hazing and battery allegations. Prison time is possible.

Local papers have described the specific allegations as a “House of Horrors:”

- Beatings
- Use of gasoline, urine, and cayenne pepper in the abuse
- Pledges being made to walk barefoot on broken glass
- Retaliation against those who tried to speak up

This is a developing story and the arrested students will have a chance to defend themselves from the allegations. In the meantime, however, their pictures and arrests are public, lawyers must be hired, university administrators who were allegedly aware are suspended, and all members of the group will feel repercussions from these charges. “House of Horrors” indeed.

The Advocate, [House of horrors: Allegations after LSU DKE members' arrests point to fraternity code of silence](#) – 2/15/19

NOLA.com, [LSU Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity closes, citing hazing allegations](#) – 2/14/19

NOLA.com, [John Bel Edwards signs bill to make hazing a felony act](#) – 5/31/18