



CENTRAL OREGON
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HAZING PREVENTION AND REPORTING 2026

What is Hazing?

Definitions of hazing vary between states, universities and colleges, inter/national organizations and agencies. However, the Clery Center identifies three core components of hazing:

- Group context: Associated with the process of joining and maintaining membership
- Abusive behavior: Activities that are potentially humiliating and degrading and may cause, physical, psychological or emotional harm
- Regardless of an individual's willingness to participate: The "choice" to participate may be influenced by the peer pressure and the coercive power dynamics that often exist in the context of gaining membership

Central Oregon Community College's hazing policy can be found below:

G-33-3 Student Rights and Responsibilities

Hazing

Oregon Statute prohibits students from engaging in any kind of hazing action or situation on or off campus. "Hazing" means any act committed by a person, whether individually or in concert with others, against a student in connection with pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, participating in, or maintaining membership in any organization that is affiliated with an educational institution; and that is intended, or should reasonably be expected, to have the effect of humiliating, intimidating, or demeaning a student or endangering the mental or physical health or safety of a student. Hazing also includes soliciting, directing, aiding, or otherwise participating actively or passively in such acts. Hazing occurs regardless of the consent or willingness of a person to participate in the activity. Hazing may occur on or off campus. "Hazing" does not include any activity or conduct that furthers legitimate curricular, extracurricular, or military training program goals, provided that (1) the goals are approved by the College; and (2) the activity or conduct furthers the goals in a manner that is appropriate, contemplated by the College, and normal and customary for similar programs at other educational institutions.

The State of Oregon further defines Hazing in ORS 163.197

Signs of Hazing

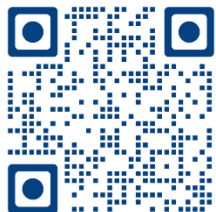
When you see something happening that you know is wrong, you have the opportunity to step in and help. Hazing can be difficult to recognize from the outside because it is often rooted in secrecy and those who have been hazed may feel ashamed, scared, or guilty.

Here are some signs you can look for in your friends and classmates:

- Intoxication and/or overdose following organizational events or activities
- Carrying around random items everywhere they go
- Branding, cutting, or unusual writing on the body
- New members or teammates walking across campus, or to specific locations, as a group
- Being away from home or residence hall room for days or weeks at a time
- Loss of voice (from required yelling or screaming)
- Performing odd tasks or completing chores for more senior teammates or members
- Being dropped off somewhere and made to find their way back
- Extreme fatigue or lack of concentration from sleep deprivation
- Signs of injury or illness following organizational events or activities
- Physical exertion from unnecessary wall sits, planking, running, or other calisthenics
- Change in personality or increased isolation
- Sudden or increased feeling of sadness and inferiority

How to Report Hazing

Incident Reporting On-line



[Report Hazing](#) (Right Click to Open Hyperlink)

Campus Safety

Phone: 541-383-7272

Email: CampusSafety@cocc.edu

[Hazing Prevention Video](#) (Right Click to Open Hyperlink)

Investigation Processes

Allegations of hazing will typically be reviewed through the process described in S-1-0 Student Rights and Responsibilities, Section II: The Judicial System & Procedural Rights. Investigations are conducted by the Dean of Student Engagement or an assigned designee.

In some cases, investigations may also be conducted by local law enforcement agencies:

- Bend Police Department: 541-693-6911
- Redmond Police Department: 541-693-6911
- Pineville Police Department: 541-447-4168
- Madras Police Department: 541-475-2344

Hazing Violations Beginning January 1, 2025

Campus	Organization	Date of Incident	Date of Action	Action Taken	Outcome
Bend	0	0	0	0	0
Redmond	0	0	0	0	0
Prineville	0	0	0	0	0
Madras	0	0	0	0	0