

# Westminster College Hazing Report

New Wilmington, PA

On Oct. 19, 2018, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf signed the “Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law,” which defines hazing, sets forth different grades of the offense and related penalties, describes institutional enforcement and report requirements and provides a safe harbor provision.

Westminster College’s Student Handbook states that the college does not permit members of student organizations to haze. Hazing is defined as any activity in which the organization expects prospective members to participate and which is created intentionally, on or off college premises, for the purpose of producing mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities include but are not limited to the following: paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical or psychological shocks; required trips from campus; required physical exercises; the wearing of conspicuous public apparel; public stunts and buffoonery/morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late night work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities. A violation of the College’s hazing policy will result in disciplinary action taken against a student organization and may include separate action taken against an individual(s) within the organization.

Westminster College will make every effort to investigate and address reported allegations of hazing. In accordance with a provision in this newly adopted Pennsylvania State Law. Westminster College has no reported incidents classified as hazing for the time period of January 2014 through January 2019.

If you or anyone you know has or is experiencing any form of hazing, please contact Westminster Public Safety by phone, 724-946-7777 or email, [safety@westminster.edu](mailto:safety@westminster.edu).

Direct reports are preferred for investigative purposes

To read an overview of the Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law, visit: [Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law](#)

To read the full text of the Pennsylvania State Law, Act No. 2018-80, S.B. 1090, visit: [PA Senate Bill No. 1090](#)