



**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**Campus Hazing Transparency**  
**Report**  
**October 1, 2025**



**Reporting Period:** July 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025

This report is published by Sauk Valley Community College (SVCC) in compliance with the Campus Hazing Transparency requirements of the Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA). This report summarizes findings concerning any established or recognized student organization found to be in violation of the institution's standards of conduct relating to hazing.

**Compliance Statement:** Sauk Valley Community College adheres to the compliance requirements of the Stop Campus Hazing Act, which mandates the publication of this report at least two times annually. The first Campus Hazing Transparency Report must be publicly available by December 23, 2025.

**Hazing Violations by Student Organizations**

This section reports each incident involving a student organization for which a finding of responsibility was issued relating to a hazing violation. This report excludes personally identifiable information.

**NO FINDINGS STATEMENT:** There were no findings of responsibility for hazing violations involving established or recognized student organizations during the period of July 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025.

If a finding of responsibility is issued, the following information must be compiled per each single hazing incident and included in the report:

| Field   | Description of Required Information   | Incident |
|---|---|----------|
| <b>Name of Student Organization</b>                       | Name of the recognized or established student organization found responsible for the hazing violation.                          |          |
| <b>General Description of the Violation</b>               | A summary of the established violation, including whether the violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs.  |          |
| <b>Institution's Findings</b>                             | Summary of the findings issued by Sauk Valley Community College.  |          |
| <b>Sanctions Placed on the Organization</b>               | Any penalties or consequences placed on the student organization by the institution, as applicable.                             |          |
| <b>Date Incident Alleged to Have Occurred</b>             | The date on which the incident was alleged to have occurred.  |          |
| <b>Date Investigation Initiated</b>                       | The date on which the investigation into the incident was initiated.  |          |
| <b>Date Investigation Ended with Finding of Violation</b> | The date on which the investigation ended with a finding that a hazing violation occurred.                                      |          |
| <b>Date Organization Notified of Violation Finding</b>    | The date on which the institution provided notice to the student organization that the incident resulted in a hazing violation. |          |

## Required Policy and Transparency Information

In compliance with SCHA, SVCC must publish a statement on its public website notifying the public of the availability of hazing statistics and policy information.

### I. Definition of Hazing (SVCC Policy)

For policy purposes, hazing is defined by SVCC as: any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a student, whether individually or with others, against another student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student, or that induces or coerces a student to endanger such student's mental or physical health or safety, for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students.

### II. How to Report Incidents of Hazing

SVCC encourages accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes and public safety incidents.

To report an emergency or crime in progress: Dial 911 from a campus phone, or use campus security call boxes located in the Dillon Mall, West Mall, and parking lots.

To contact SVCC Security: Call 815-835-6389.

Crimes should be reported to the SVCC Campus Security to ensure inclusion in annual crime statistics and timely warnings.

### III. Process Used to Investigate Incidents of Hazing

The institution must provide a process used to investigate incidents of hazing.

All SVCC incident reports involving students are forwarded to the Dean of Student Services for review and potential action.

College investigators will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

The determination of responsibility is made by a college Decision-Maker using a preponderance of the evidence standard (more than 50 percent certainty).

If a finding of responsibility is made, sanctions and remedies are determined by the Decision-Maker in consultation with the Vice President of Academics and Student Services (for students).

### IV. Prevention and Awareness Programs

Education on SVCC Hazing Policy: Incoming students are required to attend an orientation session where general campus safety and resources are discussed. All employees are required to take annual training on subjects that may include violence prevention.

Safety Awareness Programs: SVCC Campus Security offers crime prevention presentations each semester to classrooms, campus clubs, and student groups, including topics such as personal safety awareness and sexual violence risk reduction strategies.

Risk Reduction Strategies: SVCC offers strategies to reduce risk of victimization, which includes tips such

as being aware of surroundings, walking with purpose, and trusting instincts.

#### V. Annual Security Report (ASR) Notification

The ASR contains campus security policies and crime statistics.

Hazing incidents must be reported in the ASR crime statistics for the previous three calendar years.

The first ASR including hazing data will be released **October 1, 2026**.

Link to ASR: <https://www.svcc.edu/departments/irp/reporting/files/security-report/campus-security-report.pdf>