

Health & Safety Policies

Operating Guidelines for Blood borne Pathogens (HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C)

There are three primary blood borne diseases that should be of concern to students – HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), Hepatitis B (HBV), and Hepatitis C. Understanding ways in which these viruses are transmitted is extremely important in preventing their transmission. Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C are transmitted through infected blood, semen and vaginal secretions, and infected needles.

Consumption Policy

Any activity, program or event that requires or promotes the overconsumption of or over-indulgence in foods and/or liquids (e.g., any contest involving food or drink, etc.) is prohibited due to the significant health risks associated with these activities.

Emergency Communication Methods

In the case of a campus emergency, the University will make available information regarding personal safety, cancellation of classes or other activities, or other guidance relative to the urgent nature of such a situation on campus. Methods of communication may include, and are not limited to, the following:

- > Text notice delivered via the ALERTBG system (Visual notice on the University's internet homepage (www.bgsu.edu))
- > Visual notice distributed University-wide via the University email system from BGSUPolice@bgsu.edu
- > Audible notices delivered via public address systems in residence halls, Jerome Library, Student Recreation Center, Olscamp Hall and the Bowen-Thompson Student Union
- > Visual notice on campus TV screens
- > Posts to BGSU Facebook and Twitter accounts

Other manners of communication may be employed as appropriate in each situation. All members of the campus community are encouraged to participate in this communication network by registering for the ALERTBG system and by checking University email on a regular basis.

Hazing Policy

1. In keeping with its commitment to a positive academic environment, the BGSU community is unconditionally opposed to any situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Respect and cooperation among peers within registered student organizations is a guaranteed right that all students possess, regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, color, national origin, ancestry, genetic information, pregnancy, religion, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran. Hazing is a Code of Student Conduct violation and a crime in Ohio.
2. Hazing encompasses any action or activity which has the purpose or effect of inflicting physical or mental harm, embarrassment, or anxiety or which is a violation of law. Hazing can also include any action or situation that intentionally or unintentionally endangers a student in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in any organization, club, team or activity that is affiliated with the University. It is no defense to a violation of this Policy that an individual consented to the alleged hazing activity or that the alleged hazing activity occurred off University premises.
3. To anonymously report an allegation of hazing, please call 419-372-HAZE(4293).

Smoking Policy

Bowling Green State University is dedicated to promoting a healthy and comfortable environment for faculty, staff, students and visitors. Therefore, by resolution of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, effective August 15, 1994, and by Ohio state law, smoking is prohibited inside all buildings, structures and vehicles owned or leased by Bowling Green State University, including those at the BGSU Firelands campus. Effective January 1, 2014 in accordance with BGSU Clean Air and Smoking Policy smoking, defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighting smoking device for burning tobacco or any other plant, per section 3794.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, will only be permitted in designated areas and inside personally owned vehicles. Violations can be reported through the University's incident report form and will be handled in accordance with procedures outlined in the Code of Student Conduct. For more information about the Clean Air and Smoking Policy, including the permitted designated smoking areas visit: <http://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/envhs/documents/Fire-Safety-Information/Clean-Air-and-Smoking-Policy.pdf>

Violence

It is the policy of BGSU that acts of violence, threats of violence or intimidation will not be tolerated. In its mission to become a premier learning institution, BGSU recognizes the importance of providing a safe environment for all its members. In this community, victims and survivors will be treated with dignity and respect. Any persons found in violation of this policy may be subject to conduct action.

Violators may also be subject to criminal prosecution. For the purpose of this policy the following definitions apply:

- a. Acts of violence include any exercise of force against person or property that could result in physical or emotional harm.
- b. Threats of violence include any verbal or non-verbal communication that inflicts harm.
- c. Intimidation includes any verbal or nonverbal act towards another person, the purpose of which may be to coerce, and the result of which could cause the other person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others.

In many situations, these actions are also considered criminal acts under the Ohio Revised Code. Acts defined in this subsection include but are not limited to: physical assault or abuse, sexual assault or abuse, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, verbal or other threats of physical or sexual assault, threats that may include a weapon and damage or destruction of another's property. BGSU is committed to providing education, prevention, advocacy, intervention and support services which address acts of violence, threats of violence and intimidation. In addition, the University collaborates with community agencies and professionals in providing these

services and referrals. All members of the BGSU community are asked to report violations of the policy on violence to appropriate authorities.