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# **MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY ANTI-HAZING POLICY**

## **1. OVERVIEW AND SCOPE**

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Separate from and in addition to the University's reporting requirements, Ohio Revised Code §2903.311, known as Collin's Law, requires any employee, volunteer, alumni, or consultant, who is acting in an official and professional capacity, to immediately report alleged hazing to a law enforcement agency in which the victim of hazing resides or in which the hazing is occurring or has occurred. Collin's Law is named for Collin Wiatt, an 18 year old college freshman at Ohio University who died in 2018 after ingesting nitrous oxide at a fraternity party.

Additionally, Ohio Revised Code §2921.22 requires any person with knowledge that a felony has been or is being committed to report such knowledge to law enforcement authorities.

**Therefore, failure of any Mount community member to report incidents of hazing to law enforcement may result in criminal penalties, in addition to, and separate from, any discipline imposed by the University for violation of this or another University policy.**

The full text of Ohio Revised Code §2903.311 is found at <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-2903.311>.

The full text of Ohio Revised Code §2921.22 is found at <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-2921.22>.

### **Reporting Hazing**

Any Mount community member who has been the victim of, witnessed, or become aware of any form of hazing **must** promptly report such conduct to the following offices:

- **University Police**
  - Located: Ground Floor of the Seton Center
  - Phone: Campus Telephone: Dial 0
  - Cell Phone: 513-244-4200 for direct access to the MSJ Police Department
  - Dial 911 for emergencies
  
- **Dean of Students**
  - Name: Janet Cox
  - Phone (513) 244-4239
  - Email: janet.cox@msj.edu

Reports can also be made anonymously 24/7 by calling or texting (513) 244-TIPS or by emailing 244TIPS@msj.edu. Please note that these anonymous reporting options are not intended for any immediate safety or emergency situations.

All immediate safety or emergency situations, including hazing believed to be in progress, should be reported immediately to the MSJ Police Department at 513-244-4226 or dial 0 from any campus phone.

### **Good Samaritan/Amnesty Policy**

The University encourages reporting of conduct prohibited by this policy and seeks to remove any barriers to making a report. The University recognizes that an individual who has been drinking alcohol or using drugs at the time of an incident may be hesitant to make a report and/or file a formal complaint because of potential consequences for the individual's own conduct. An individual that reports conduct

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safety of any other person at risk. Further, if an individual that

