

# SUBSTANCE-FREE FACILITIES

## WHAT legislation passed?

At the 2017 Grand Chapter Conclave in Orlando, Fla., the Grand Chapter passed several pieces of legislation regarding Fraternity policy. The Grand Chapter is the Fraternity's legislative body and is made up of more than 83% undergraduate delegates. One of the items passed was **Resolution 2**, a policy on substance-free chapter facilities. The resolution defines both "substance-free" and "facilities," and states, in part:



*"By August 1, 2018, all chapters adopt a transitional substance-free facilities policy restricting the presence, consumption and use of alcohol to private rooms of members of the legal drinking age"*



*"By August 1, 2020, all SigEp chapters shall implement a substance-free facility policy."*

## WHY substance-free facilities?

### OUR MISSION AND VALUES

*Fraternalities, including SigEp, have earned a reputation of being organizations that exist to promote alcohol consumption. Our money and time are spent on parties. We are known in the media and in our campus communities as havens for drinking. That must change for SigEp. Removing alcohol from our chapter facilities sends a clear message about what we value and what we do not value.*

### SAFER CHAPTER ENVIRONMENTS

*Many brothers spend most of their time with SigEp at a chapter facility. This policy does not prevent chapters from having social events, but it does help ensure that our chapter facilities do not become havens for underage drinking. Our chapter facilities must be environments in which it is easy to do right and hard to do wrong. The policy is intended to make chapter environments safer and attract top recruits to SigEp.*

### BY THE NUMBERS

*Over 90% of the men living in fraternity facilities are under 21 years of age. See below for more statistics on the benefits of a substance-free facility.*

## Substance-free facilities by the numbers

	HOUSED CHAPTERS WITH NO SUBSTANCE-FREE POLICY	HOUSED CHAPTERS WITH A SUBSTANCE-FREE POLICY
NUMBER OF CHAPTERS	85	70
GPA (FALL '16)	3.07	3.24
ABOVE ALL-CAMPUS AVERAGE	43%	86%
AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP	64	81
RECRUITMENT AVERAGE (FALL '16)	16	22

## HOW will social events change with the substance-free policy?

- SigEp's risk management policies did not change as a result of the legislation. All that changed regarding chapter events is where chapters can host events involving alcohol. SigEp's policies on BYOB events and third-party vendors still apply to events not held at chapter facilities.
- Follow the links below for more information on the Fraternity's risk management policies on BYOB events and third-party vendors.

[BYOB EVENT CHECKLIST](#)

[THIRD-PARTY VENDOR EVENT CHECKLIST](#)