Costume Etiquette

Ghouls, goblins, and ghosts, oh my! It is that time of year again when many of us will partake in Halloween activities and dress up for the night. Although we want you all to have fun, we want you to enjoy yourselves safely while being respectful. Consider your safety! Select a costume that will allow your friends to easily identify you in case of an emergency.

As you prepare for Halloween events, we also encourage you to consider the nature of your costumes. Show respect to others by choosing a costume that does not seem degrading or offensive to others. Please be conscious of how your costume choice may impact someone of a different race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, or religion than yourself.

Overall, lookout for each other by putting the safety and concern of others FIRST.

Halloween Weekend Safety Tips

⇒ Dehydration Signs
1. Feeling Thirsty/Dry mouth
2. Weakness
3. Dizziness/Headache
⇒ Alcohol Poisoning Signs
1. Confusion
2. Difficulty waking OR cannot be woken.
3. Slurs words
4. Incoherent
5. Vomiting.
6. Seizures
7. Irregular breathing (10 seconds or more between breaths).
8. Hypothermia (low body temperature), bluish skin color, paleness.
⇒ Slip & Slides/Pools
1. Please click on the link and review the Indiana City Code on pg. 32 and 41-43: http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T06750/A00200.PDF
⇒ Security for facility
1. Ensure that a guest list is utilized and checked properly so that you know who is in your home.
2. Create and implement a monitoring system to ensure health and safety is remaining the top priority for members and guests. This will also be helpful if an emergency situation does arise.
⇒ Noise
1. Being respectful of neighbors/surroundings
2. Courtesy visits to neighbors
⇒ Balconies/Elevated Structures/Roofs
1. Making sure that individuals are not on these
Haunted Houses!

Interested in hosting a haunted house? As with any event that includes modification of the structure, contact the Purdue Fire Department to inspect your facility prior to the event to ensure the safety of you and your guests. If your organization plans to host a haunted house, remember to abide by the following items:

1. Install an automatic smoke detection system with an automatic announcement system in case of a fire. All smoke detectors shall be interconnected.

2. An emergency voice/alarm communicated system, which is also allowed to serve as a public address system shall be installed with the ability to communicate throughout the entire facility.

3. An approved automatic sprinkler system shall be installed on the premises.

4. Install obvious exits for every fifty (50) feet.

5. All stairways shall be illuminated at a level of at least one (1) foot.

6. All materials used must be inherently flame resistant or made so by treatment with a flame retardant in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

7. The Purdue University Fire Department shall be contacted at least three (3) working days prior to operation.

8. Fire extinguishers shall be distributed throughout the building and within seventy-five (75) feet of one another.

9. There shall be no open flame devises or temporary heaters used in the building.

10. An approved fire safety and evacuation plan shall be prepared and maintained and shall identify the following: emergency egress or escape routes, identification and assignment of personnel responsible for rescues or

“Awareness without ACTION is worthless.”
~Phil McGraw
Emergency Twitter Alert!

Purdue recently established an open Twitter account for anyone who would like to receive alerts and information on emergency situations on campus.

**To sign up:**

* Sign up on Twitter: Twitter account holders can follow "@PurdueEmergency" to receive up-to-date information on campus emergencies. Note: The account will post only information related to campus emergencies and will mirror information that is being shared via Purdue’s text alert messaging.

The Twitter app also allows users to push the notifications from "@PurdueEmergency" to the main screen of their smartphone for immediate notification. Instructions to set up the Twitter app for push notifications is available on Twitter's support site.

**Sign up using text messaging:**

Type "follow PurdueEmergency" to number "40404." The number should confirm, and then texts will

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**Remember:**

**Policies = People First**

*Members of recognized fraternities, sororities, and cooperative housing organizations are subject to the following conditions concerning possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of their houses:*

- Under no circumstances may alcoholic beverages be sold
- Alcoholic beverages may not be available at any event where an admission fee is charged
- Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed outside the house

*Alcoholic beverages and containers for alcoholic beverages may not be displayed outside the house

*Alcoholic beverages may not be provided or consumed at an open event

*All sponsoring organizations are equally responsible for open and closed events and for compliance with University regulations and applicable Indiana state laws

Violations create unsafe environments that often lead to serious incidents, injury/death, and judicial action.

For more information, please visit: http://www.purdue.edu/aod/
A Shared Responsibility

Why Colleges and Universities Must Respond to Campus Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault on Campus: a look at the numbers

1 in 5 women is sexually assaulted in college

Only 5 percent of sexual assaults are reported.

40% of survivors fear reprisal by their attacker

8 in 10 survivors knew their attacker (friend, significant other, etc.)

1/3 of sexual assault survivors are first-year students
Sexual Assault Awareness & YOU

Over the past several months sexual assault in higher education has received increased national attention. The alarming statistics demonstrate a need for change in regards to how we view sexual assault and more importantly, how we respond to it. As a result, many efforts are being made to raise awareness and you too can get involved.

The federal government has initiated the It’s On Us campaign with an accompanying website providing resources and tips on how to prevent the 1 in 5 sexual assaults that occur on college campus.

Check out how you can get involved by visiting itsonus.org. You can proclaim your support by joining national partners, including the Big 10 Conference, and show your pledged commitment via social media to help stop sexual assault.

Turn your profile photo into an IT’S ON US badge to show your pledged commitment to helping stop sexual assault.

VISIT
http://itsonus.org/#pledge_open

It’s On Us Prevention Tips

1. Keep an eye on someone who has had too much to drink.

2. Be direct. Ask someone who looks like they might need help if they’re okay.

3. Be aware if someone is trying to deliberately intoxicate, isolate, or corner someone else.

4. Understand that if someone does not or cannot consent to sex, it’s rape.

5. Don’t just be a bystander—if you see something, intervene in anyway you can. Get in the way by creating a distraction, drawing attention to the situation, or separating them.

NEVER BLAME THE VICTIM.
Things to Look Out For!

WE CAN HELP!

Keep an eye out for your We Can Help poster. This will identify campus and community partners who can assist you and your members in a time of need. We are encouraging you to make the call when needed. Posters will be distributed during upcoming council meetings. Risk Managers are encouraged to hang these in a visible place, so all members have access to this important information.

While there are several offices available to assist you, always remember to call 911 in the case of an emergency.

#MakeTheCall

WINTER BREAK INFO

To assist in protecting your homes, Fraternity, Sorority, and Cooperative Life will partner with PUPD and PUFD to ensure your safety. We ask that you submit the names of two emergency contacts by December 1, 2014. If you have any questions, contact the Assistant Director for Risk Management.

TO ACCESS THE FORM:

CLICK HERE
WINTER BREAK INFO FORM

OR

Complete the form by scanning the QR code.

~ Future Issues of Boiler Health ~

Following this issue, Boiler Health will be featured as a component in the Fraternity & Sorority Life Newsletter and the Purdue Cooperative Council newsletters. We promise to continue providing information on the best ways to keep you and your members safe, as well as updates on community policies.