



GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR LOCAL GREEK ORGANIZATIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHY AM I CHARGED FOR INSURANCE/WHAT PURPOSE DOES IT SERVE?

Fraternalities and sororities are exposed to unique risks, including financial loss stemming from negligent and wrongful acts and omissions of such organizations and their members. Insurance requirements are enacted to protect the organizations, their undergraduate members, and the University, which can all be named in lawsuits. All Greek organizations must have general liability insurance as outlined in [the Fraternity and Sorority General Liability Insurance Requirement Policy](#).

2. WHY IS THE COST BEING PASSED DOWN TO ME?

Since local organizations do not belong to an inter/national organization, the University facilitates the purchase and annual renewal process on behalf of all local organizations. Individual members within local organizations are billed to cover the cost associated with the purchase. In inter/national organizations, individual members are charged for insurance within their dues.

3. WHAT DETERMINES THE AMOUNT MEMBERS ARE CHARGED?

The underwriter considers general market conditions (nationally) and the membership size among all the local Greek organizations (Sewanee) to determine the overall price for annual coverage.

4. WHY HAS THE PRICE INCREASED?

This is due to an increase in rates implemented by the policy underwriter. Furthermore, securing coverage for student organizations continues to be challenging due to several high-severity incidents on college campuses nationwide. In addition to hazing, increased frequency and severity of sexual assault and alcohol-related incidents have many in the insurance industry viewing the exposures as uncontrollable and, therefore, uninsurable. Due to these factors, coverage is more expensive.

5. ARE MEMBERS CHARGED IF THEY ARE ABROAD OR RECEIVE DUES ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR ORGANIZATION?

Yes, all members are charged. The insurance belongs to the organization, not individual members; thus, the cost of the insurance policy is, in part, determined by the combined number of members within local Greek organizations. Going abroad or receiving dues assistance does not decrease the level of coverage needed, nor does it reduce the amount owed by the organization.