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Willis North America Offers Risk Reduction Resources

Did you know that Willis North America is the insurance broker for Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.? Willis North America is the leading provider of insurance products and services for Greek organizations. Sigma Nu has had a working relationship with Willis North America for several years now and, through that relationship, we are able to provide our members and alumni volunteers the comprehensive, cost-effective insurance coverage we all expect.

Besides insurance oversight and expertise, Willis North America also produces numerous risk-related educational resources that your chapter can utilize free of charge. So, if you are looking for new, exciting ways to educate your members on risk-related issues, check out the resources available on the [Willis North America website](#).

GreekLifeEdu – Now is the Time

Now is the time to make sure your chapter is utilizing Outside the Classroom's GreekLifeEdu program. Do you currently have members who have yet to complete GreekLifeEdu? Do you currently have Candidates, or will you have Candidates at some point this semester? If you answered yes to either of these questions, visit [GreekLifeEdu](#) for information regarding the program.

The Fraternity's goal is to have 100% of its members and candidates (who have not previously completed AlcoholEdu for Sigma Nu) complete GreekLifeEdu by **April 1, 2010**.

So help us reach that goal and start participating now by clicking [here](#).



Grand Chapter 2010 – Every Chapter Needs to Go!

Did you know that Grand Chapter 2010 is quickly approaching? There are approximately five more months until the big week that every chapter should be looking forward to. The 64th Grand Chapter will be held July 3 – 7, 2010, at the downtown Boston Sheraton. Who would not want to spend the 4th of July weekend in Boston, Massachusetts, with hundreds of fellow Sigma Nus?

Did you also know that by not going to Grand Chapter, your chapter is not only missing out on an opportunity of a lifetime; you are also putting your chapter on alcohol-free housing status until the next conclave (College of Chapters 2011)? *(continued on page 2)*

Facebook's Role in Risk Management

Many of us enjoy the benefits of being a member of Facebook. From keeping up-to-date on your friends' latest status updates to making sure you remember your chapter members' birthdays, we all use Facebook to some degree to keep our social life in order. Over the last several months, chapters are increasingly using Facebook to keep their social calendar in order too.

There have been several instances brought to the General Fraternity's attention of chapters creating Facebook event pages to market their social events. While we encourage chapters to take advantage of social networking opportunities, our members must be aware that Facebook invites are considered open social functions—a practice that could void the chapter's insurance coverage.

The Fraternity's [Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines](#) prohibits chapters from hosting "open" parties. Each chapter social function where alcohol is legally present is to have a guest list that is pre-approved by the chapter. Also, the overall maximum guest-to-member ratio for these events is not to exceed 2:1. There are two primary reasons for this:

1. Guests who are not friends with any chapter members may not respect the rules the chapter has in place for the event and/or the venue at which the event is being held. They have no reason to keep the chapter's welfare in mind since they have no true connection to the chapter.
2. Based on past incidents, the Grand Chapter has determined that chapters are most able to maintain a safe environment and proper oversight at social functions when the number of present guests does not exceed 2 per chapter member. A social function exceeding this ratio has been deemed unsafe due to the inability a chapter may have in maintaining proper oversight and crowd control should a fight or other similar incident occur.

So talk with your Social Chairman and ensure that the next chapter social event doesn't make its way onto Facebook. After all, don't you have more fun with your friends rather than random strangers?

64th Grand Chapter in Boston *(continued from page 1)*

According to the [Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines](#), "Any chapter which fails to be represented at either Grand Chapter or College of Chapters shall not have alcohol on Chapter premises for the following academic year without the consent of the Office of the Executive Director."

Also, costs associated with participant materials and lodging has already been paid for via the conclave fee your chapter was assessed this academic year. The only thing the chapter has to pay for is the travel out to Boston and some meals. Ultimately, there is no reasonable argument for your chapter to not be represented at the 64th Grand Chapter.

So what can you do? Elect two delegates to attend, book plane tickets to Boston (if necessary), and sit back and wait for Grand Chapter 2010. Registration information will be coming out shortly. Also, keep checking the [Sigma Nu website](#) for the latest Grand Chapter information.

Your chapter needs to be there!

