

# Car Bashing Guidelines

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## INTRODUCTION

Student organizations may desire to hold a “car bashing” event as a fundraiser or as part of another planned event. It is the goal of the University to assist student organizations in taking the necessary precautions needed to have as safe and environmentally friendly an event as possible.

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of basic requirements that must be met when holding a car bashing event on University Property.

1. The event must be scheduled using Student Activity guidelines, including submitting through the Connect system.
2. Insurance certificates from any outside vendor must be submitted via the Connect form.
3. A safety walk through must be scheduled with the Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S). Contact the EH&S at 710-2900 to schedule.
4. The below precautions must be followed and are considered minimum standards. Additional requirements may be needed should conditions warrant.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. **Vehicle Preparation:** Prior to delivery, the vehicle to be bashed must be prepared as follows:
  - a. All fluids must be drained from the car, including but not exclusive to: gasoline, transmission fluid, crankcase oil, and radiator coolant.
  - b. The following items must be removed: gas tank, battery, all glass (windshield, windows, mirrors, etc.), and air bags.
  - c. A letter certifying that the vehicle has been properly prepared should be obtained from the mechanic who performed the work. If this is not feasible, an inspection by EHS can be done in its place.
2. **Site selection:** The area selected for the site should be flat, open and clear of debris. EH&S can assist in site selection.
3. **Site preparation:** Before the event can begin, the site should be prepared as follows:
  - a. The vehicle should be placed on a damage-free, heavy duty tarp.
  - b. A security barrier (construction fencing or similar) needs to be placed around the vehicle.
4. **Personal Protective Equipment:** The following items are required of all participants:
  - a. Safety glasses or goggles (required)
  - b. Closed top shoes (recommended)
  - c. Pants and long sleeves (recommended)
  - d. Work gloves (recommended)
  - e. Additionally, it is suggested that participants wear hearing protection.
5. **Sledge Hammer:** The sledge hammer used should be inspected prior to the event. The head must not be loose and the handle must be damage-free.

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## 6. Event execution:

- a. The organization putting on the event will need to provide supervision to ensure proper crowd control and that participants are behaving in a safe and proper manner.
- b. **The will be no standing on the vehicle. Both feet are to remain on the ground.**
- c. One participant at a time is to bash the vehicle.
- d. The event cannot be held in stormy weather or if there exists a threat of lightning.

## 7. Clean-up:

- a. The organization holding the event is responsible for ensuring the site is properly cleaned up promptly at the conclusion of the event.
- b. Should any liquid contact the ground, the Department of Environmental Health & Safety is to be notified at 254-710-2900.
- c. **THE ORGANIZATION HAVING THE EVENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEAVING THE SITE IN THE SAME CONDITION AS THEY FOUND IT.**