

Frostburg State University ("FSU") Chalking Policy

FSU recognizes the use of chalking as an effective medium utilized to advertise programs and events. Therefore, chalking may be used by recognized student organizations, faculty, or staff to advertise an event or as part of a program provided there is adherence to the following guidelines:

- 1. Chalking must be done with water-soluble chalk only. No permanent paint, chalk, or spray chemical may be used on any surface.
- 2. No messages may be written on walkways other than sidewalks and must be on flat horizontal surfaces where rain or natural elements can wash it away.
- 3. Chalking or chalked messages may not deface decorative symbols or sculptures.
- 4. Chalking must not contain offensive language which includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Obscenities
 - b. Hateful speech that is harassing or discriminatory
 - c. Liable or Derogatory statements about individuals or groups (e.g., false or inaccurate information that hurts or defames one's reputation)
- 5. Chalked messages or advertisements are intended to be short-term and temporary and should normally not exceed a time frame of 48 hours.
- 6. Students or student organizations shall not remove or alter the message of another student or organization.

FSU Student Affairs reserves the right to remove or restrict any messages or images that serve to compromise the integrity of the University, or that may contribute to a hostile environment. Individuals found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action under FSU's Student Code of Conduct, Policies and Procedures.