

**POLICY REGARDING PIANO BASH/SMASH EVENTS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**

Prior to Event Approval

The sponsor shall designate a person (Designated Person) with authority to stop any unsafe activities or remove any unsafe equipment from use. That person shall be named in writing before the event is approved.

The sponsor shall identify and transmit the location of the landfill where the debris from the event will be disposed. The sponsor shall provide the legal address and property owner for any location that is not a permitted landfill.

Day of the Event

The Designated Person shall pause or stop the event if any of the requirements listed below are not met and continuously observed.

The sponsor shall deliver the piano to the event location and remove the debris on the day of the event.

The sponsor shall place a heavy tarp under the piano to catch debris and facilitate clean up.

The sponsor shall ensure that a 20-foot radius is marked off and maintained at all times. The Designated Person is responsible to ensure no one enters the perimeter when the piano is being struck.

The sponsor shall ensure the tension is released from the strings of the piano prior to being struck the first time. This is intended to lower the chances of a string breaking and striking a participant.

The Designated Person shall examine the sledgehammer used to strike the piano carefully before the event begins. The condition of the sledgehammer shall be monitored periodically between users.

During the Event

The sponsor shall ensure each participant signs a Hold Harmless Release Agreement/Waiver prior to participating in this event.

The Designated Person shall ensure impact-resistant safety eyewear and leather gloves are worn by any person striking the piano.

Sturdy footwear enclosing the entire foot shall be used by anyone striking the piano. The Designated Person shall not permit anyone wearing sandals, flip flops, or similar footwear to strike the piano.

Any person striking the piano shall do so while standing with both feet on the ground. No one is permitted to climb on the piano to strike it.

Participants shall not directly strike the metal plate, frame, or soundboard of the piano.

The Designated Person shall remove the sledgehammer from service if the handle becomes damaged or if the head of the hammer becomes loose or dislodged from the handle.

After the Event

Persons picking up and handling debris from the event shall wear safety eyewear, leather gloves and sturdy footwear.

The sponsor shall ensure that all debris is containerized in such a manner that it remains containerized until it reaches its final disposal destination.