



## Car Bashing Guidelines

While it can be an exhilarating and a fun-filled activity, there are inherent safety and environmental risks associated with Car Bashing. Please adhere to the following provisions to minimize associated risks and to ensure maximum safety.

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### Car Preparation:

- **Before** the vehicle is delivered to campus, please ensure that the vehicle has been stripped in the following manner:
  - There should be no glass anywhere in and/or on the vehicle.
  - The engine, battery and fuel tank must be removed.
  - The vehicle may not contain any gasoline or automotive fluids of any kind.

### Site Preparation & Clean Up:

- EH&S must be notified at least 72 hours prior to the event.
- UNCW Police should be contacted to possibly escort the vehicle onto campus and to the bashing site.
- Delivery and removal must occur on the same day of the event.
- The activity may not take place near a storm drain or a sanitary sewer.
- A tarp or plastic sheeting must be placed under the car to contain any residual leaks.
- The vehicle wheels must be chocked to prevent any unexpected movement.
- At no time should the vehicle be left unattended.
- The area around the perimeter of the vehicle must be sufficiently cordoned off to prevent debris from striking anyone and to prevent anyone from being struck by a sledge hammer.
  - It is recommended that there be a minimum perimeter of four (4') feet around the vehicle.
  - Adequate staffing must be in place to ensure that the perimeters are maintained.
    - It is recommended that a minimum of one (1) person be positioned continuously on each of the four sides cordoned off.
    - These persons must wear safety glasses with side shields at minimum.
  - One ten (10) pound multi-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher must be at the activity site at all times.
- Clean-up must begin immediately after the activity has ended.

### Personal Safety & Protection:

- Prior to participating in the activity, individuals must sign the approved consent form that advises participants of potential hazards; lists safety procedures; and releases the university and the sponsoring organization from any liability.
- Only a fiberglass or composite sledge handled hammer can be used to strike the vehicle.
- Only one participant may be in the activity area at a time.
- Participants must wear the following safety gear:
  - Leather gloves

- Substantial closed toe and closed heel footwear
- ANSI approved safety glasses with side shields
- Participants may not stand on any part of the vehicle when striking the vehicle.
- All bashing should be done with two feet on the ground of the approved site.

The sponsoring organization is responsible for ensuring that these controls are implemented and that an on-site monitor is present at all times. If for any reason these guidelines are not being followed, the University will immediately cancel the event. The safety and protection of our students and the University at large are our primary concerns.

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