



# What is Due Process?

Due process ensures every individual fair treatment within the guidelines of an organization's judicial process. The goal of due process is to provide a guide for walking through a series of intentional steps taken to ensure that all parties are treated fairly as the situation is explored by a governing body prior to a final decision being made. Due process protects you as a Member, and it also protects the Chapter.

Due process procedures do not guarantee that the result of a governing body's action will be to an individual's liking. However, fair procedures do help prevent arbitrary, unreasonable decisions from being made without all parties' perspectives voiced and considered.

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noun

fair treatment through the normal judicial system, especially as a citizen's entitlement.

Due process requirements vary depending on the situation. At a minimum, due process means that a person who will be affected by a governing body's decision must be given notice of what the organization plans to do and have a chance to comment on the action.

### Benefits of Due Process for the Member

- Assures that a Member's voice is heard in a situation
- Promises a Brother fair consideration before ruling
- Guarantees a Member is informed before decisions are made on their behalf

### Benefits of Due Process for the Chapter

- Preserves the Chapter's reputation
- Safeguards the integrity of the Chapter
- Protects the Chapter from legal action
- Promotes Member retention