

Hazing Prevention Agreement

Due to the Office of Greek Life by September 10, 2010 for the Fall Semester and February 4, 2011 for the Spring Semester

Chapter: _____ **Date:** _____

Date of Initiation/End of New Member Program: _____

Please read the following and sign below. It is the responsibility of the chapter officers to educate their members regarding hazing prevention and the hazing policies and laws. Hazing is not only against each council, inter/national organization and University policies, but is a violation of New Hampshire state law.

New Hampshire State Law (NH RSA 631:7)

Certain conduct of an individual or organization in connection with "student hazing" is a Class B misdemeanor crime in New Hampshire, punishable with a fine up to \$1,200 for an individual and \$20,000 for a corporation or unincorporated association.

"Student hazing" is defined as "any act directed toward a student, or any coercion or intimidation of a student to act or to participate in an act, when (1) such act is likely or would be perceived by a reasonable person as likely to cause physical or psychological injury to any person; and (2) such act is a condition of initiation into, admission into, continued membership in or association with any organization." The implied or expressed consent of any person toward whom an act of hazing is directed is not a defense to a charge under this anti-hazing statute.

An individual is guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she:

1. Knowingly participates as an actor in any student hazing;
2. Being a student, knowingly submits to hazing and fails to report it to law enforcement or College authorities; or
3. Is present at or otherwise has direct knowledge of any student hazing and fails to report such to law enforcement or College authorities.

An organization is guilty of a misdemeanor if it:

1. Knowingly permits or condones student hazing;
2. Knowingly or negligently fails to take reasonable measures within the scope of its authority to prevent student hazing; or
3. Fails to report to law enforcement authorities any hazing reported to it by others or of which it otherwise has knowledge.

University of New Hampshire Hazing Policy

Hazing, defined as an act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, a

group or organization. Any student found responsible for hazing is subject to sanctions imposed by a Hearing Officer or Board through the Office of Conduct and Mediation.

Examples of hazing behaviors/activities include, but are not limited to:

- Being written on with a permanent marker
- Attending a skit night or roast where other members are humiliated
- Wearing clothing that is embarrassing or uncomfortable
- Being yelled, screamed, or cursed at by other team/organization members
- Acting as a personal servant to other members
- Deprivation of sleep by other members
- Being awakened at night by other members
- Making prank phone calls or harass other
- Being tied up, taped, or confined to small spaces
- Being transported to and dropped off in an unfamiliar location
- Enduring harsh weather without proper clothing
- Drinking large amounts of a non-alcoholic beverage such as water
- Drinking large amounts of alcohol to the point of passing out or getting sick
- Simulating sex acts

We certify that:

- We have read and understand the New Hampshire State *Hazing Laws*.
- We have read and understand the University *Hazing Policy*.
- We have read and understand our inter/national hazing policy.
- We have and will continue to educate our chapter members on these laws and policies.
- All new members will receive a copy of *Rights & Responsibilities: New Greek Life Member*
- All activities that our new members participate in comply fully with these laws and policies.
- We understand that failure of our organization to uphold this policy, in whole or in part, will result in the referral of the organization and individuals involved to the Office of Conduct and Mediation, the appropriate Greek council judicial board, an organization's inter/national representation, and/or the appropriate state and local authorities.

Chapter President: Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

New Member Educator: Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

Chapter Advisor: Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____