

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Greek Life New Member

The process of introducing new members to chapter membership should be conducted in a manner that respects your dignity as well as your mental and physical well-being.

Acceptable activities promote scholarship and service, develop leadership and social skills, assist with career goals, involve students with alumni/ae, improve relations with others, build awareness of fraternity/sorority history, instill a sense of brotherhood/sisterhood, foster solidarity with initiated members, and promote the mission of the University of New Hampshire.

State law, University policy, Greek Councils and the policies of your inter/national fraternity/sorority all support the concept of treating potential members with care and dignity. At no time should you be made to feel awkward, embarrassed, or fearful of your safety. You have the right to refuse to participate in any questionable activity and you have the right to notify police officers, University officials, chapter officers, and chapter advisors if you are asked to participate in any inappropriate activity.

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

Any student found to have committed the following misconduct is subject to disciplinary sanctions. 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.

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

Your Responsibilities

As a new member of UNH's Greek Life, you assume significant responsibility. Chapters that have been extended the privilege of forming at the University are expected to:

- Conduct chapter activities with pride and integrity;
- Provide a safe and inclusive environment for members and the community;
- Accept collective responsibility for the behavior of members;
- Respect members of the campus community who are not Greek affiliated;
- Respect other chapters, their members and their property;
- Create and maintain an atmosphere conducive to academic achievement;
- Provide programs on scholarship, health issues, diversity/social justice, leadership development and other areas critical to member development;
- Contribute to campus life by sponsoring or co-sponsoring community service and/or campus improvement programs;
- Operate off-campus residential facilities with pride and in compliance with relevant University policies as well as local, state, and federal laws and statutes;
- Abide by all applicable policies of the University as well as all relevant local, state, and federal laws and statutes.

To anonymously report inappropriate behavior and/or allegations of hazing, please contact the Hazing Hotline at **(603) 862-3686**