

The Heart of the Matter: Hazing Checklist

Hazing Checklist: The following are examples of hazing by category. It is impossible to list all hazing activities, so this list is **NOT** intended to be all inclusive. Measure each new member activity against the definition for each category.

Put a check by the activity that you think does not constitute hazing.

Subtle Hazing: An activity or attitude or an act which ridicules, humiliates or embarrasses.

- Purposely alienating the new members.
- Referring to new members in a demeaning manner "pledge".
- Silence periods.
- Any form of demerits.
- Initiates writing progress reports on new members.
- Requiring new members to address initiated members in a different manner.
- Scavenger hunts for meaningless objects.
- Phone duty or house duties, if only assigned to new members.
- Requiring new members to carry paddles, special objects that initiated members don't carry.
- Deprivation of privileges.
- Withholding the date of initiation or big sister revealing.
- Not allowing new members to wear Greek letters.
- Requiring members to complete signature books.

Harassment Hazing: Anything that causes mental anguish or physical discomfort which confuses, frustrates or causes undue stress.

- Drawing any unnecessary attention to new members through a form of critique or criticism.
- Scaring new members with what might happen at initiation.
- Dark room interrogations.
- Any form of questioning under pressure or in an uncomfortable atmosphere.
- Verbal abuse.
- Personal servitude.
- Moving into the house/suite/residence hall for inspiration week and sleeping on the floor.
- Requiring new members only to wear ridiculous costumes or special clothing.
- Requiring new members to perform ridiculous activities.
- Requiring new members to enter through the back door or not allow them to enter to see certain parts of the house/suite/residence hall.
- New member skit nights with demeaning and crude skits and poems.
- Holding any type of mock pre-initiation with new members.
- Refusing to allow time for good grooming.
- Withholding grooming and personal hygiene.
- Requiring new members to memorize irrelevant information about initiated members.
- Yelling at new members.