

**SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**  
**STUDENT ORGANIZATION HAZING COMPLIANCE**  
**FORM**

**Revised Fall 2009**

We, the undersigned, hereby represent and certify that all activities sponsored, suggested, advance, or required by our organization or members or prospective members comply with the Syracuse University Hazing Policy and applicable excerpts from the New York State Law on Hazing printed and set forth on the back of this sheet.

We have informed the present members and prospective members of our organization of the contents and application of the SU Hazing Policy. This policy will be read to our members and the prospective members on a semesterly basis and member signatures will be obtained for verification.

We acknowledge and understand that any failure to uphold the SU Hazing Policy may /will result in referral to The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs for an organizational violation of the SU Hazing Policy (meaning the organization will face charges), and/or referral to the Office of Judicial Affairs for any individual violation of the SU Hazing Policy (meaning that individuals within the organization who haze shall face charges).

We acknowledge and understand that any participation in any hazing activity of any nature or form or knowledge of same and taking no action to stop or prevent the hazing is in effect giving your approval to haze. The failure to report any such activity may result in personal referral to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and/or the Office of Judicial Affairs.

We acknowledge and understand that the failure of our organization to uphold this policy, in whole or part, may result in our personal referral to Office of Fraternity and Sorority affairs and/or the Office of Judicial Affairs if we had prior knowledge of the hazing violation and did not take necessary steps to stop or prevent the hazing from occurring (meaning that participation in a hazing activity or knowledge of it and taking no action to stop or prevent the hazing is a violation of the SU Hazing Policy).

We acknowledge and understand that our failure to sign this document of understanding and agreement may subject the organization to immediate suspension of all membership activities.

Our signature below will certify that we (and our organization) have read, and agree to abide by the SU Hazing Policy and applicable New York State Law. The effective term of this agreement shall be for one semester from the date signed by the president, new member educator, and Chapter/Graduate Advisor. All members and new members will sign the attached signature form in acknowledgement of having read or been informed of this policy. The original signed agreement shall be filed with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

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**Organization**

**Chapter Name**

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**President**

**Chapter/ Graduate/ Alumni Advisor**

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**New Member Educator**

**Date Signed**

cc: Faculty Advisor  
International / National Headquarters Chapter/ Graduate/ Alumni Advisor

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY HAZING POLICY

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs does not support or condone any type of hazing activities from any fraternity or sorority. The University Policy on Hazing says the following:

*Syracuse University defines hazing to include any action that intentionally or recklessly causes or poses a substantial risk of harm to the mental or physical health or safety of one or more persons. Subjecting any person to and/or encouraging any person to commit an act that violates human dignity, the Code of Student Conduct, or the law for the purpose of initiating, promoting, fostering, or confirming any form of affiliation with a group or organization is prohibited. The express or implied consent of participants or victims will not be a defense.*

*Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to: forced consumption of alcohol or other substances, sleep deprivation, threats of harm, actual physical harm (e.g., paddling, beating, branding), performing any service or action under coercion or duress.*

## NEW YORK STATE LAW

**Definitions** (as of May 21, 2002): Hazing is punishable under New York State Law as follows:

***New York Penal Law 120 . 16 ; Hazing in the First Degree:*** A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes injury. Hazing in the First Degree is a class A misdemeanor.

***New York Penal Law 120 . 17 ; Hazing in the Second Degree:*** A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course of another person's initiation or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct, which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person. Hazing in the second degree is a violation.



