

Due WITHIN 48 HOURS of Bid Acceptance

DECLARATION OF NEW MEMBER AND CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

This statement is to be read aloud, understood and practiced during the new member education period in your chapter. This is to be signed by each new member and submitted to Fraternity & Sorority Life through the ALPHA Standards submission form within 48 hours of bid acceptance.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ANTI-HAZING POLICY

HAZING IS PROHIBITED

In determining whether an activity constitutes hazing, the University shall use the common and ordinary meaning of the terms in the definition. If an organization is unsure whether a proposed activity will constitute hazing, the organization should feel free to contact Residential Life - Fraternity & Sorority Life staff. As a reference the following definition is provided:

Hazing, as defined in the Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA), is any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

- is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
- causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including:
 - whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;
 - causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
 - causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
 - causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
 - any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
 - any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, or Federal law; and
 - any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, or Federal law.

The undersigned new member understands that they have the following responsibilities:

- To understand and abide, in fact and in spirit by the above definition of hazing;
- To maintain their satisfactory academic standing with the University while participating in the new member process;
- To refrain from questionable activities that may jeopardize or demean the image of fraternities/sororities;
- To make a constructive contribution to their education program and chapter.

The undersigned chapter officers understand they have the following responsibilities:

- To understand and abide, in fact and in spirit, by the above-definition of hazing;
- To conduct a new member program tapered to the needs of individuals, that is a positive, educationally sound, growth experience.

THIS FORM HAS BEEN READ TO ALL NEW MEMBERS/PLEDGES OF THE CHAPTER. WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED STATEMENTS.

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Membership/Recruitment
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