What is Hazing?

Hazing is defined as any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of another person for the purpose of membership, advancement or continued good standing in any organization recognized by the College. In addition, any requirement by a member or pledge which compels another member or pledge to participate in any activity that is against College policy or New York State Law is defined as hazing.

http://www.hamilton.edu/student-handbook/hazing

Am I Hazing or being Hazed? Ask yourself these questions:

- Have I been advised to keep these activities a secret?
- Does participation violate my values or those of my organization?
- Is participation causing emotional distress or stress of any kind to myself or others?
- Am I comfortable talking to my parents or a dean about this activity?
- Am I doing anything illegal?
- Could I defend these activities in court?

To Report Hazing Call:

Campus Safety 315-859-4000
Athletics 315-859-4114
Dean of Students 315-859-4020
TIP NOW 315-282-5426 (hamilton@tipnow.com)
Examples of hazing include (but are not limited to):

**Forcing or requiring an individual to drink alcohol or use other substances or consume unreasonable amounts of food**
- Requiring pledges to finish a keg or a certain amount of alcohol
- Confiscating meal cards for days or weeks at a time
- Requiring pledges to eat only what they are given by members or other pledges

**Engaging in activities that compel an individual or group to remain at a certain place, or transporting anyone anywhere without their knowledge and/or consent (e.g. road trips, kidnaps)**
- Walking specific patterns on campus
- Late night swimming in lakes/rivers
- Dropping pledges off away from campus with no directions, shoes, or limited clothing
- Requiring errands such as laundry or food pickups

**Creating excessive fatigue or distress through the deprivation of privacy, sufficient sleep**
- Taking over a pledge’s room or belongings
- Requiring pledges to sleep standing up
- “On-call” driving such as requesting pledges to drive members to or from bars or other locations
- Requiring pledges to sleep as a group in a room

**Participation in situations that could cause physical harm or emotional strain, causing a member or non-member to be the object of malicious amusement or ridicule**
- Requiring participation in morally degrading or humiliating games and activities such as dressing up in costume or performing publicly (e.g. Commons Theater)
- Walking across hot coals
- Prohibiting eye contact or verbal communication with other members of the community
- Using brutality or force
- Fighting
- Beating, paddling, or other forms of assault