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

Examples of hazing activities include (but are not limited to) the following:

- **Forcing or requiring an individual to drink alcohol or use other substances or consume unreasonable amounts of food**
  - Forced or coerced alcohol or other drug consumption
  - 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 (road trips, kidnap, etc.)**
  - Walking specific patterns on campus
  - Late night swims in lakes/streams away from campus
  - Dropping pledges off away from campus with no directions, shoes, or limited clothing
  - Required 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 in a room
  - “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 in drag, or performing publicly (i.e. 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
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 about this activity?
☐ Would I get in trouble if the Dean of Students walked by?
☐ Am I doing anything illegal?
☐ Could I defend these activities in court?

Possible Sanctions for Hazing Violations

Suspension of Organization and Executive leaders:

✔ Physical injury / bodily harm or risk of physical injury / bodily harm
✔ Sexually explicit behavior or acts
✔ Forced use of alcohol or drugs

Probation of Organization and six to nine points for Executive Leaders:

✔ Activities that require sleep deprivation
✔ Keeping someone awake for the sole purpose of staying awake
✔ Being “on-call” at night to pick up or drive other brother/sisters around
  ✔ Giving up your room to other brothers/sisters
✔ Required to live in a different room.
✔ Restricting when or what a pledge can eat
  ✔ Confiscation of meal card
✔ Requiring a pledge to eat or drink specific foods or liquids

Warning to Probation of Organization and one to six points for Executive Leaders:

✔ Requiring pledges to wear costumes or certain articles of clothing
✔ Requiring pledges to perform (acting/singing) in public

To Report Hazing Call:

Campus Safety 315-859-4000
Student Activities 315-859-4194
Athletics 315-859-4114
Dean of Students 315-859-4022

For more information on hazing, visit: http://www.stophazing.org/ • http://www.hazingprevention.org/ • http://twitter.com/#!/StopHazing • http://www.ohsaa.org/RTG/Resources/hazing/Prevention.htm