NPC Position Statement Against Hazing

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world’s largest organizations advocating for women, is the umbrella group for 26 inter/national sororities. NPC supports efforts to eliminate hazing. NPC has adopted Unanimous Agreement IV, which condemns hazing and hazing-related behaviors. Hazing and hazing-related activities contradict all expectations of the proper behavior expected of the undergraduate and alumnae members of NPC member organizations as set forth in Unanimous Agreement IV, Standards of Ethical Conduct.

Each NPC member organization has its own set of bylaws, policies and rules condemning hazing and governing the investigation and discipline involving hazing allegations, as is the case with each individual college or university — whether public or private.

A strong majority of states have adopted legislation that makes hazing a crime which can be punished by fines and/or imprisonment as a misdemeanor or felony. Any allegation of sorority hazing is taken seriously. NPC offers its members education about risk-based behaviors through its “Something of Value” programming and supports nationally recognized HazingPrevention.org. Several of its 26 member sororities also support a national anti-hazing hotline: 1-888-NOT-HAZE or 1-888-668-4293.

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