New York State Law on Hazing

**Article 720 - NY Penal Law Part 3, Title H,**

**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 such injury.

**120.37 Hazing in the second degree**
A person is guilty of hazing in the second 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.

Hazing in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.

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Cornell University Definition of Hazing

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**TITLE THREE: Article 8-A. s. 1.**

To have another person, regardless of the person's consent to participate in the conduct, do anything as a condition of his participation in a group or organization, if the person is (1) being initiated into or affiliated with a group or organization, (2) is a member of a group or organization, or (3) is to be initiated into or affiliated with a group or organization. The act of hazing may be (a) physical, including, but not limited to, any activity in which harm is likely to result from the willful or negligent infliction of unlawful or excessive physical injury, (b) psychological, including, but not limited to, any activity in which an emotional or mental injury is likely to result from the willful or negligent infliction of unlawful or excessive psychological injury, or (c) both physical and psychological.

**Hazing Continuum**

**Potential Harms:**

- Individuals can experience physical, emotional, and psychological harm from hazing.
- Individuals can have vastly different responses (with varying degrees of severity) to the exact same hazing experience.
- Examples of harm an individual may experience include:
  - Humiliation
  - Harassment
  - Anxiety and depression
  - Re-traumatization
  - Physical injury
  - Death

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**You Can Help Stop the Cycle of Hazing**

**Seek Support**

- **Hazing can be physically, mentally and emotionally harmful for students who are hazed or those who haze them.**
- **Individuals who have been hazed may experience: injuries or damage to their reputation or relationships.**
- **Students who engage in hazing may feel guilt or remorse about their actions.**
- **Gannett Health Services offers:**
  - 24/7 phone consultation (607) 355-3455
  - Medical care
  - Counseling
  - Victim Advocate
  - EARS Peer Counseling (607) 255-3327
  - Criseline (607) 272-1616

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**Report Hazing Confidentially**

- If you have been hazed, have witnessed hazing, or suspect that someone you know has been hazed, please say something.
- Submit a confidential online report at www.hazing.cornell.edu
- Report the incident by phone:
  - Cornell Police (607) 355-5151
  - Dean of Students (607) 255-3133
  - Fraternity, Sorority, and Independent Living (607) 255-2300
  - Judicial Administrator (607) 255-8188
  - Director of Athletics and Physical Education (607) 255-8832
  - University Ombudsman (607) 255-4321
- National Anti-Hazing Hotline: 888-NOT-HAZE or 888-608-4293