



## 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 women's-only sororities. Since 1943, with the creation of our first Anti-Hazing Committee, NPC has taken a public stand against hazing. NPC has adopted Unanimous Agreement IV, Standards of Ethical Conduct, which condemns hazing and hazing-related behaviors. Additionally, each NPC member organization has its own set of policies condemning hazing.

NPC actively supports both state and federal legislation that requires increased anti-hazing efforts by institutions of higher education, national organizations and local campus organizations. We endorse a three-tiered approach to eliminating hazing:

- **Education:** Increased anti-hazing, anti-bullying and bystander intervention education for secondary school and undergraduate students. Additionally, college/university faculty and staff should participate in annual anti-hazing education.
- **Transparency:** Increased requirements for publicly reporting acts of hazing adjudicated on campus, including names of student organizations found responsible of threatening the well-being of others.
- **Accountability:** Increased criminal penalties, both misdemeanor and felony, for individuals and organizations found guilty of hazing.

NPC is a proud founding member of the Anti-Hazing Coalition (AHC). The AHC is a collaboration between NPC, the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and several parents of college students who lost their lives to hazing. This coalition has worked together to advocate for the passage of anti-hazing legislation and to educate hundreds of thousands of undergraduate students on the need to eliminate hazing.

NPC and several of its 26 member organizations also support a national anti-hazing hotline: 1-888-NOT-HAZE (1-888-668-4293).

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