



Triangle Fraternity Activity Guidelines for New Member Education Development

1. Is the activity legal?

Any activity that violates state or federal law is hazing. 44 states have adopted laws and penalties for hazing. In addition, each University's Student Code of Conduct requires students to conform to policies mandated by the institution. Any activity that violates the local university student code of conduct is also inappropriate.

YES

NO

2. Is the activity safe?

If the activity presents the risk of physical or emotional harm, it's hazing. If an event could cause an average person to feel abused, humiliated, frustrated or scared, it creates the potential for emotional damage.

YES

NO

3. Does the activity foster brotherhood? Does the activity encourage a pledge to desire membership in your organization as they participate in the activity?

Our founders have left us two metrics upon which two measure the character of a man: our Ritual and the Code of Ethics. Consider the specific precepts of the Fraternity when creating events, thinking critically about whether or not the activities purpose is ethically aligned with it.

YES

NO

4. Do actives and new members participate in the activity together?

Any activity that singles out an individual or group does not foster the development of personal growth in ALL members. Consider events that strengthen the connection between actives and new members. For example, community service project where everyone contributes equally to support their community, encourage teamwork, and leadership. Any project (house clean up, repair projects, school events, team sports, etc) where individuals contribute together helps to promote understanding of individuals within the organization.

YES

NO

5. Is the activity alcohol-free?

Use of alcohol during any pledge-related event is a direct violation of the Triangle Risk Management Policy. Alcohol and other drug consumption can embolden persons who are hazing and put those being hazed in extreme danger. Use of alcohol during fraternity related events is the primary cause of 95% of all fraternity incidents seen in the public eye.

YES

NO

6. Would you publish the activity in the newspaper or broadcast it on TV?

If you are not comfortable letting the public know about your new member education activity, that's probably because it has already violated one of the above principles. As Triangle members, we should be proud of the programs and practices we use to build men.

YES

NO

Hazing Prevention Resources:

www.stophazing.org www.hazingprevention.org <http://www.fraternityadvisors.org/KnowledgeCenter/Hazing.aspx>