

Hazing Policy

Barnard College expressly prohibits hazing by any member of the Barnard College community or any visitor in or on College property. Hazing is defined as any reckless or intentional act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group or organization. This may include the destruction or removal of public or private property, or any act that a reasonable person would find demeaning, uncomfortable, embarrassing, humiliating or ridiculing. The express or implied consent of participants will not be an excuse. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts; they are violations of this policy.

Any individual found to have participated in any act of hazing may be subject to immediate ejection from the College campus and property. In addition, any member of the Barnard community who is found to have engaged in any act of hazing may be subject to discipline, with sanctions up to and including expulsion.

Any organization which is found to have authorized an act of hazing may be subject to rescission of permission for that organization to operate on Barnard property and to receive financial support from the College.

The penalties described herein are in addition to any criminal or civil law to which a violator or violating organization may be subject.

All members of the Barnard College community are encouraged to report any incidents of hazing by contacting the Offices of the Dean of the College, Residential Life, or Public Safety. Visit the [web](#) for more Columbia University Hazing Prevention information. Barnard College does not recognize any off-campus student organization.