

Victims of Hazing

North Carolina's hazing law

It is unlawful for any student in attendance at any university, college, or school in this state to engage in hazing or to aid or abet any other student in the commission of this offense. For the purposes of this section hazing is defined as follows: "to subject another student to physical injury as part of initiation or as a prerequisite to membership into any organized school group, including and society, or other similar group" (North Carolina General Statutes 14-35).

UNCP Code of Conduct hazing definition

Hazing, defined as an act which endangers the health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation, admission to, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization. The expressed or implied consent of the victim will not be a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not natural acts; they are violations of this rule.

Facts about Hazing

- Hazing is prohibited at UNCP
- Rites of passage or initiation into organizations may become hazing in some situations
 - Hazing can be psychologically damaging and presents serious physical risks (including death) to students.

In the event the victim has identified a student or student organization as the responsible party of the victimization, please remind the student that the Office of Student Conduct is a resource. Please contact the department of Student Conduct to document the situation and determine if student disciplinary action is necessary.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Talk to the victimized student in private.

Recognize that the student may be feeling vulnerable and experience a range of emotions.

Advise the student to report the incident to the Student Affairs Office at (521-6175).

Advise the student to report the incident to the UNCP Campus Police at (521-6235).

Refer the student to the office that oversees the organization in question. Below are contacts for offices that work with many student organizations:

>Athletics

>Greek Life

>Office of Student Life

Refer the student for follow-up counseling at the Counseling and Testing Center (521-6202).

AVOID

Minimizing the situation

Agreeing to maintain confidentiality.