Hazing Policy Guide

The following is Clemson University’s policy on hazing. Hazing is defined as “any situation created or action taken—for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in an organization—which meets one or more of the criteria below. Hazing can be intentional or unintentional, and can occur with or without consent.”

What kind of situations are considered hazing? Situations/actions that constitute hazing are: Negligent or reckless in nature; or

Potentially harmful to Physical safety/health Psychological well-being
Opportunities for academic success; or
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Such activities and situations may include, but are not limited to:

- paddling;
- physical or psychological shocks;
- forced (whether explicit or implicit) consumption of food, water, alcohol or drugs;
- kidnapping or abandonment;
- line-ups and berating;
- morally degrading behavior;
- any form of personal servitude;
- forced (whether explicit or implicit) wearing, publicly or privately, of inappropriate costumes;
- interference with academic pursuits; or
- forced (whether explicit or implicit) participation in activities that are illegal, or violate University policy.

Any member of the University community, including a victim, participant, or witness, with knowledge of hazing should report the hazing to the Office of Community and Ethical Standards or Clemson University Police.