



NPC Position Statement on Campus Safety and Risk Management: Roles and Responsibilities

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The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is one of the world's largest organizations advocating for the sorority experience, representing 26 inter/national women's-only sororities and more than 350,000 undergraduate sorority women. These 26 member organizations were founded to create safe spaces for women on college/university campuses, support good citizenship, scholarship, leadership and engagement on campus, and continue to fulfill these missions today. This includes NPC and member organizations developing and enforcing expectations, policies and procedures regarding the use of alcohol and other controlled substances, particularly during events and within chapter facilities.

Each NPC member organization sets, monitors and enforces its expectations, policies and procedures for its members; therefore, it is not the place of a College Panhellenic to enforce them. Nor, based on its chartered purpose, may the College Panhellenic develop new policies or add additional requirements to sorority members or chapters of the College Panhellenic community regarding safety/risk management or social policies. Safety/risk management or social policy concerns related to the behaviors of individuals and/or chapters should be referred to the chapter and/or inter/national member organization. More importantly, the College Panhellenic should not adjudicate any violation of safety/risk management or social policies. The College Panhellenic only adjudicates matters found in the governing documents of the association, namely the College Panhellenic Association bylaws, standing rules and recruitment rules.

In the event College Panhellenic officers and/or the fraternity/sorority advisor are concerned about safety/risk management of the entire community, they should gather the chapter leaders together to discuss the issues and potential action items. Results of those conversations should not be the creation of policies to be adjudicated by the College Panhellenic. Instead, each chapter must work with its respective member organization to create desired change.

NPC and its member organizations recognize that institutions of higher education may have safety/risk management or social policies required of all student organizations, such as event registration procedures. Violations of campus policies or student conduct codes by individuals and organizations shall be adjudicated by the appropriate college/university entity.

College and Alumnae Panhellenic Policies & Expectations

Per NPC policy, College Panhellenic-planned or -sponsored events must be alcohol-free. Moreover, College Panhellenics cannot spend Panhellenic funds to purchase alcoholic beverages for any purpose.



Attendees at Alumnae Panhellenic events with alcohol present are expected to demonstrate good citizenship and model responsible drinking behaviors.

Partnerships With Institutions of Higher Education

NPC and its member organizations also seek to be good partners with institutions of higher education regarding the health and safety of our members and their students. We recognize those institutions may have specific policies for students and student organizations regarding alcohol and substance use, safety/risk management and social event registration. Members, chapters and College Panhellenics are expected to uphold these campus policies and student conduct codes, and violations by individuals and organizations shall be adjudicated by the appropriate college/university entity.