

What to save in the first 48 hours

After a hazing incident, evidence can disappear quickly. This checklist is for parents and students. You don't have to know yet whether any of it matters. Just keep it.

1. Safety first

- ☐ **Make sure they're safe** and getting any medical care they need, even if it seems minor.
- ☐ **Keep every medical record:** visit summaries, prescriptions, bills and receipts.

2. Save these

- ☐ **Group chats.** Screenshot them. Many apps delete messages automatically.
- ☐ **Photos and videos,** including anything posted and later taken down.
- ☐ **Texts, call logs and voicemails.**
- ☐ **Names.** Who was there, who organized it, who was in charge. Just write them down.
- ☐ **Anything the group handed out:** schedules, rules, new member materials.
- ☐ **A written timeline.** What happened and when, while it's fresh.

3. Protect it

- ☐ **Back it up somewhere else:** email it to yourself or save it to a cloud account.
- ☐ **Don't delete anything,** even if it's embarrassing.

4. Hold off on these

- **Don't confront** the chapter, the team or anyone involved.
- **Don't post about it** online.
- **Don't sign anything** from the school, the organization or an insurance company until you've talked to a lawyer.

For students: you are not in trouble for asking, and you decide what you share and when. **For parents:** you are not overreacting.

A note on timing: some deadlines in hazing cases are short, especially when a public school is involved.

Want to talk it through?

Free and confidential. You don't have to decide anything today.

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