

So, What is Hazing?

Definition of Hazing: “Hazing is any activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses, or endangers them, regardless of someone's willingness to participate.”

- 55% of students experienced hazing.
- BUT only 9% identified they had been hazed or considered themselves to have been hazed when asked directly.

Hazing Can Take Many Forms:

- Humiliation, isolation, sleep deprivation, wearing embarrassing clothes. Taking on tasks to prove worthiness.
- Forced consumption of alcohol, food, or other substances. Threats, intimidation, assigning demeaning tasks.
- Forced exercise, exposure to elements.
Restrictions on personal hygiene.
- Greetings ceremonies, lineups, tests of loyalty.
- Forced interaction with animals or others.

Where Can It Happen?

Hazing happens at colleges and universities, as well as middle and high schools. Some examples include:

- Varsity athletic teams
- Social fraternities or sororities, Club sports
- Performing arts organizations, Academic clubs
- Honor societies
- Service fraternities or sororities, Intramural teams
- Recreational clubs

State Laws & Hazing Policy

- Although 44 of 50 states have anti-hazing laws, hazing still occurs.