



Response Ability - DVD

Do you and your chapter understand bystander behavior? Do members in your chapter look the other way regarding questionable activities? Unfortunately, this is an all too common practice among college students today.

As Sigma Nus, we are expected to confront behavior we know is wrong. Teach your chapter how to combat bystander behavior by obtaining a free copy of the "Response Ability: Transforming Values into Action" DVD.

For information on how to obtain a copy of the "Response Ability" DVD or to view the online video, please click [here](#).



NHPW – Has Your Chapter Started Planning Yet?

National Hazing Prevention Week (NHPW) will be taking place from September 20-24, 2010. Campuses and organizations throughout the country will be taking advantage of this week to raise awareness and challenging fellow community members to combat hazing. This is a great annual opportunity for your chapter to promulgate our rich anti-hazing history by participating and/or leading local NHPW efforts.

Does your chapter believe in the anti-hazing principles that the Fraternity was founded upon? Does the rest of your campus know that Sigma Nu was founded against hazing? How does your chapter espouse these anti-hazing principles besides posting flyers and information on your chapter's website?

NHPW is your chapter's chance to lead the local anti-hazing effort. If your campus currently recognizes NHPW, talk to the appropriate college/university administrator and learn how to get your chapter involved in the planning process. If your campus has not conducted NHPW activities in the past, talk to your Greek Advisor and discuss how Sigma Nu can lead the effort to bring NHPW to your community. To learn more about NHPW and ways to get involved, click [here](#).

Role of Risk Management During the Summer

Did you know that The Law of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. and the *Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines* are applicable to your chapter even when classes are not in session?

Every summer, members engage in activities such as recruiting recent high school graduates and living in a half empty chapter house, oftentimes with little to no elected leadership around. Do your members know that even though school is not in session they are still expected to abide by the policies and expectations of the Fraternity? Just because school is out and there are only five members living at the chapter house, members never have the right to begin violating policies and disregarding authority. *(continued on page 2)*

End of Year Chapter House Maintenance Checklist

Adapted from "Summer Break Checklist" by Bobbi Larsen, Educational Consultant for Willis North America

We are quickly approaching the end of yet another academic year. With that, chapters and House Corporations around the country are developing strategies to maintain, and possibly improve, the chapter facility. Think about it – the summer is the time when you can get a lot of minor and/or major house improvement projects done without worrying about working around residents, since few to no chapter members will be living in the facility.

The following is a list of items you should consider having done during the summer break to help the house recover from another academic year of residency while also preparing the facility for the 2010-2011 year:

- Inspect all rooms/suites, document damage and collect payment from security deposits
- Repair all broken windows and doors to prevent damage; ensure that doors latch completely
- Inform the host institution (college/university) as to whether the residence will be occupied or not and provide proper contact information for the facility

If members will be attending school and living in the facility over the summer period:

- Have each sign a housing agreement, specific to the summer period
- If the appropriate chapter officers will not be living in the facility, appoint someone to oversee daily maintenance, collect rent and pay bills

If the chapter facility is unoccupied over the summer, make sure the following is completed:

- Securely lock the property and limit access to only designated alumni and/or undergraduates
- Have a responsible alumnus, undergraduate or professional property-management company check the property daily. A consistent daily presence will deter thieves and vandals
- Inform local police and/or campus security the property will not be occupied. Provide them with a key/code for access to the facility and ask them to patrol frequently
- When not in use, remove all hoses and store in an appropriate place, preferably inside the facility. Many vandalism claims involve placing a running hose near or in the house

The above list provides a sample of items you should do to prepare the house for the summer break. For the complete "Summer Break Checklist", visit the [Willis North America website](#).

Risk Reduction is a Year-Round Responsibility *(continued from page 1)*

The Law of Sigma Nu Fraternity Inc. and the *Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines* are also fully applicable at chapter formals, spring break trips and other outdoor activities such as camping.

What can you do to ensure these policies are respected?

You can start by educating members on the [LAW](#) and the [Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines](#). Also, you can create awareness about being a Sigma Nu at all times; not just when wearing letters, or while attending chapter functions. Lastly, be sure to review the chapter's [crisis management plan](#) with all members, especially those living in the chapter house during the break.

Remember, when you are entertaining guests at the chapter house during the summer, hosting a social over winter break, or having a spring break party, the conditions for valid insurance are still in place. Ensure your chapter has a healthy future and begin creating the awareness about year-round risk reduction implementation.