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## Increase Anti-Hazing Awareness on Your Campus

Hazing is not a problem solely faced by Greek-letter organizations. Recent research has shown athletic teams, multicultural groups, and numerous other campus organizations have problems associated with hazing. Sigma Nu has a storied history of leading the fight against hazing. With this in mind, there is a new anti-hazing workshop your chapter can utilize to educate your campus about the perils of hazing, and lead the fight against hazing in your community. More information about the new anti-hazing workshop can be found at <http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/anti-hazing/index.php>.

## ***National Hazing Prevention Week on Your Campus***

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT PREVENTING HAZING? DO YOU EVER WONDER HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED ON YOUR CAMPUS TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF HAZING PREVENTION? WELL, FROM SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 25<sup>TH</sup>, YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE DURING NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK. YOU HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING THIS YEAR ON YOUR CAMPUS TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE. TO GET MORE INFORMATION, IDEAS ON WHAT YOU CAN DO, AND DETAILS REGARDING THE WEEK VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINK

[HTTP://WWW.HAZINGPREVENTION.ORG/PAGE.PHP?PAGE\\_ID=126176](http://www.hazingprevention.org/page.php?page_id=126176) AND DO SOMETHING!



## Start the Year Right with Your Chapter House

It's the beginning of the year. Everyone is excited to see each other again, share stories about their summer, and move into their new rooms at the chapter house. This is an exciting time at college campuses throughout the country, but it is also one of the most important times of the year for preventive risk reduction to avoid costly issues later in the academic year. There are several things that should be done regarding your chapter house at the beginning of the Fall semester. *(Continued on Page 2)*

# The World of Risk Reduction on the web

Did you know that [www.sigmanu.org](http://www.sigmanu.org) has a Risk Reduction section? Today, in the world of risk management it is imperative that we take a proactive approach to ensuring a safe and risk free environment for our members. We have all heard the horror stories that come when a member engages in an unsafe risk related activity, in which the outcome is almost always negative. So, how does your chapter go about preventing this type of situation from occurring? Well, you can start by visiting the website at the following link [http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/risk\\_reduction/index.php](http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/risk_reduction/index.php) and taking a look at the Risk Reduction section to see what we are talking about.

Below is a listing of the programs, initiatives, and policies that are explained in detail on the website.

1. The *Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines*
2. New Anti-Hazing Workshop
3. What's a Membership Review?
4. Code of Conduct Form
5. FIPG Third Party Vendor Checklist
6. Hazing/Alcohol Financial Penalty Resolution
7. Sample Crisis Management Plan
8. Special Event Request
9. GreekLifeEdu
10. HazingPrevntion.org
11. FIPG Policy

Also, new to the Risk Reduction section on the website is the Response Ability video. Further details will be provided in the coming months, but for now, take a look

[http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/risk\\_reduction/response\\_ability.php](http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/risk_reduction/response_ability.php).

Now that you know there is a Risk Reduction section of the website, spend some time to familiarize yourself with the different links. It will only benefit you and your chapter by further educating yourself on the subject.

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**Let this checklist be a "to-do" list to get the year started right with your chapter house.**

1. Schedule an inspection by the local Fire Marshal and correct any identified deficiencies.
2. Schedule an inspection by a local building code official and correct any identified deficiencies.
3. If the chapter house has a community kitchen, schedule an inspection by the local health department official and correct any identified deficiencies.
4. Ensure each member has signed an updated lease and paid their security deposit BEFORE allowing them to move-in.
5. Have each resident detail any issues with their room (i.e. holes in drywall, electric outlets not working, window issues, etc...).
6. Set up cable and internet. Check that internet equipment is updated and each resident room has access to high-speed internet.
7. Set up a meeting with the House Corporation to discuss budget, property insurance coverage, and any deficiencies identified in house inspections.

Taking time to take care of these seven items can save your chapter time and money later in the semester. So, with all the excitement of the beginning of another great year on campus, don't forget to get things started right with your chapter house by taking care of these important items!