



2016 #40Answers Campaign

40 Common Excuses For Hazing

In partnership with Sigma Nu Fraternity, HazingPrevention.Org is pleased to announce the 6th annual #40Answers Campaign. For each of the 40 days leading up to [National Hazing Prevention Week](#) (September 19 – 23, 2016), one commonly heard excuse for hazing will be posted via the Twitter accounts for HazingPrevention.Org ([@PreventHazing](#)) and Sigma Nu Fraternity ([@SigmaNuHQ](#)).

Participating in the campaign is easy! First, follow [@PreventHazing](#) and [@SigmaNuHQ](#) to see the hazing excuse for each day. Second, post your answer to that excuse using your personal or organization's Twitter account. Note all Twitter posts should include the #40Answers hashtag so the conversation can be easily followed. Lastly, follow the conversation by searching Twitter for posts tagged with "#40Answers".

The list below outlines the 40 commonly heard excuses for hazing that will be used for this year's #40Answers Campaign. The first excuse will be posted via the HazingPrevention.Org ([@PreventHazing](#)) and Sigma Nu Fraternity ([@SigmaNuHQ](#)) Twitter accounts on August 10, 2016.

All are encouraged to participate. Just be sure to include the #40Answers hashtag in your response posts so others can easily follow the conversation.

- (1) August 10: We can't just allow *anyone* into our group/team/organization. We can't make it too easy.
- (2) August 11: These kids have to earn their way into this team/organization. They have to learn to appreciate it.
- (3) August 12: They have it easy compared to what I went through. It used to be much worse.
- (4) August 13: Other teams/organizations/chapters won't respect us if we don't haze.

- (5) August 14: This is college. This is when we're supposed to do stupid stuff/get in trouble.
- (6) August 15: Professional sports teams do the same thing. It's on ESPN, and they never get in trouble.
- (7) August 16: Hazing builds better members. It breaks them down so we can make them stronger.
- (8) August 17: No one ever goes to jail for hazing. It's just a scare tactic.
- (9) August 18: We've always done it this way. It's a tradition.
- (10) August 19: Hazing unites organizations/teams. It brings us together.
- (11) August 20: It was just a funny prank and went viral so it's obviously okay.
- (12) August 21: We won't get caught. We know how to keep it secret.
- (13) August 22: Hazing teaches freshmen/rookies to respect the upperclassmen.
- (14) August 23: The school only has a hazing policy because they have to for liability reasons. They don't enforce it.
- (15) August 24: Hazing made me a better person.
- (16) August 25: This is just part of becoming a member of a sports team/organization/fraternity/sorority.
- (17) August 26: I don't think _____ is hazing. People are too sensitive these days.
- (18) August 27: Another group/team asked us to haze their members. We wouldn't do that to our own members/teammates.
- (19) August 28: My organization/team does lots of great things. Why is hazing such a big deal?
- (20) August 29: Only fraternities/sororities haze so I don't have to talk to our members/team/students about it.
- (21) August 30: No one is going to die from _____. We would stop before anyone gets hurt.
- (22) August 31: You hazed in your organization/team, why should I listen to you?
- (23) September 1: I'm not the captain/president/new member educator; I can't change anything.
- (24) September 2: My team/organization doesn't haze. Who cares what other groups/teams do?
- (25) September 3: Our coach/advisor/parents knows about it and has never said anything about it.
- (26) September 4: Hazing helps us weed out members who don't want or have what it takes to be here.
- (27) September 5: The activity has a stated educational purpose, so it's not hazing.
- (28) September 6: We can't do anything fun anymore. Everything is hazing.
- (29) September 7: They wanted to be hazed.
- (30) September 8: Our new members/rookies are going to drink anyway. We're not having them do anything they wouldn't do on their own.
- (31) September 9: Everyone on campus hazes. The members of _____haze worse than we do.
- (32) September 10: I had to go through it so the new members/rookies need to do it too.
- (33) September 11: Even if we do get in trouble, the school can't get rid of us; the alumni will stop their donations.

- (34) September 12: We [administrators] aren't responsible for student hazing. We told them not to do it and had them sign a waiver.
- (35) September 13: The military hazes. Why can't we?
- (36) September 14: We only haze a little bit.
- (37) September 15: We didn't make the kids do anything physical. We're not hurting anyone.
- (38) September 16: We're waiting for the seniors to graduate, then we'll change.
- (39) September 17: If I ask staff for help, our organization will be closed or our team will lose its season.
- (40) September 18: We gave them the option to not participate. They wanted to do it.