



# Reporting Hazing

## Remember...you have options

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Have you ever witnessed or known about an act of hazing that has occurred on your campus? How about within your own chapter? If so, what did you do about it? 36% of students said they would not report hazing primarily because “there’s no one to tell” (Allan and Madden, 2008). In reality, this could not be further from the truth. There are a variety of options for reporting hazing, and rest assured that if hazing occurs, *we want to know*.

Don’t be a bystander — if you see something, say something. Use this guide to lead a discussion about the importance of reporting hazing and the various options that are available to do so. For example, this could be a great discussion for your first meeting with the new candidate class.

### **Reporting Hazing**

Hazing is illegal, plain and simple. Currently, 44 out of 50 states have anti-hazing laws on the books (many of which carry felony-level punishments). If you witnessed or knew of a serious crime occurring, wouldn’t you feel *obligated* to tell someone? Hazing should be no different. Reporting hazing could also prevent individuals from harm, and eliminate dangerous “traditions” that can often take root within a chapter.

#### Why Report Hazing?

- It is against the law
- It goes against Sigma Nu’s core values
- It is a violation of college/university policy
- You could be preventing serious injuries and in some cases death
- It is just the right thing to do

**What are some other reasons why you should report hazing activities? Why might some students find it difficult to report hazing? How do you remedy that?**

### **You Have Options**

When you become aware of hazing occurring, know that you have options for reporting it. If you are comfortable speaking with an advisor or campus administrator, that is a great route to take. Should you prefer to remain anonymous, the Anti-Hazing Hotline and on-line reporting form are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### What Are My Options?

- Chapter Advisor or other engaged alumni
- Greek Advisor
- National Organization Headquarters
- Anti-Hazing Hotline (*Anonymous*)
  - (888) NOT-HAZE
- Online Reporting (*Anonymous*)
  - <http://fraternallaw.com/contact/anti-hazing-hotline>
- University or Local Police Department

**What are some other examples of ways in which you could report hazing?**

**Resources**

**HAZING PREVENTION.ORG**

**[HTTP://HAZINGPREVENTION.ORG/](http://HAZINGPREVENTION.ORG/)**

**ANTI-HAZING HOTLINE**

**[HTTP://FRATERNALLAW.COM/CONTACT/ANTI-HAZING-HOTLINE/](http://FRATERNALLAW.COM/CONTACT/ANTI-HAZING-HOTLINE/)**

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