



2012 #40Answers Campaign

40 Common Excuses For Hazing

In partnership with scallywag Sigma Nu Fraternity, HazingPrevention.Org is pleased to announce the 2012 #40Answers Campaign. For each of the 40 days leading up to [National Hazing Prevention Week](#) (September 24 – 28, 2012), 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/Facebook account or blog. 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 including "#40Answers".

The below list 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 15, 2012.

Anyone is welcome to participate. Just be sure to include the #40Answers hashtag in your response posts so others can easily follow the conversation.

1. New members have to earn their way into this group/team/organization.
2. I don't think _____ is hazing.
3. This is just part of becoming a member of a team/organization/fraternity/sorority.
4. Other groups/teams/organizations/chapters won't respect us if we don't haze.
5. Professional sports teams do the same thing. It's on ESPN and they never get in trouble. Why do we?
6. These are just fun activities. We aren't trying to hurt anyone.
7. Hazing builds better members by breaking them down so we can build them up and make them stronger.
8. Hazing is just a word. No one really knows what it is so we can't be expected to prevent it.
9. I had to go through it so the new members/rookies need to do it too.
10. We've always done it that way.
11. Hazing unites the new member class.
12. We won't get caught.

13. Hazing teaches freshmen/rookies to respect the upperclassmen.
14. The University only prohibits hazing because they have to for liability reasons.
15. Hazing made me a better person.
16. They have it easy compared to what I went through.
17. We can't just allow *anyone* into our group/team/organization.
18. That other organization/team asked us to haze their members. We would never do that to our own members/teammates.
19. They *wanted* to participate.
20. No one is going to die from _____.
21. You hazed in your organization/team, why should I listen to you now when you say it's wrong?
22. I'm not the captain/president/new member educator; I can't change what we are doing.
23. Everyone else on campus does it too.
24. It's tradition.
25. Hazing helps us weed out those who really don't want to be here.
26. They don't really enforce hazing laws. Look at the ____ case. They got off.
27. We can't do anything fun anymore. Everything is hazing.
28. You should see how bad the boys haze. What we do is nothing compared to that!
29. Our new members/rookies are going to drink anyway. It's better if they do it with us while they are new.
30. The members of _____haze worse than we do!
31. If we stop hazing then we'll lose alumni support.
32. New members must learn to appreciate the team/organization.
33. Even if we do get in trouble, the school can't get rid of our team/organization/chapter; the alumni will stop their donations.
34. We want to eliminate hazing but we're waiting for the seniors to graduate.
35. We only haze a little bit.
36. It's just boys being boys. They are just stupid pranks.
37. We give our rookies/new members the option to not participate.
38. If I ask campus professionals or advisors for help, our organization/team will be shut down or lose our season.
39. The military hazes. Why can't we?
40. It used to be much worse.