Hazing Prevention Week Quiz - ANSWERS

**TRUE** or **FALSE** Hazing not only happens at the college level, but also in high schools, middle schools, and in the workplace.

_Hazing has been noted in children as young as 9 years old. It happens in middle schools and high schools, it happens in organizations, church groups, and homes. It happens with marching bands, athletes, fraternities & sororities, siblings, the military, among others. It is not an issue only for colleges._

**TRUE** or **FALSE** Someone has died on a college campus every year since 1970 due to hazing.

_Since 1970, at least one person has died on a college campus as a result of a hazing incident. In fact, as of January 1, 2005, the number of recorded hazing/pledging/rushing-related deaths in fraternities and sororities stands at 80 males and 6 females._

**TRUE** or **FALSE** Hazing is a problem for Fraternities and Sororities primarily (compared to clubs, sports teams, etc.).

_Hazing is a societal problem. Hazing incidents have been frequently documented in the military, athletic teams, marching bands, religious cults, professional schools, and other types of clubs and/or, organizations. Reports of hazing activities in high schools are on the rise._

**TRUE** or **FALSE** Hazing is no more than foolish pranks that sometimes go wrong.

_Hazing is an act of power and control over others — it is victimization. Hazing is pre-meditated and NOT accidental. Hazing is abusive, degrading and often life-threatening._

**TRUE** or **FALSE** As long as there is no malicious intent, a little hazing is okay.

_Even if there's no malicious “intent”, safety may still be a factor in traditional hazing activities that are considered to be “all in good fun.” For example, serious accidents have occurred during scavenger hunts and kidnapping trips. Besides, what purpose do such activities serve in promoting the growth and development of group team members?_

**TRUE** or **FALSE** Hazing is an effective way to teach respect and develop discipline.

_First of all, respect must be EARNED, not taught. Victims of hazing rarely report having respect for those who have hazed them. Just like other forms of victimizations, hazing breeds mistrust, apathy and alienation._

**TRUE** or **FALSE** If someone agrees to participate in an activity, it can’t be considered hazing.

_In states that have laws against hazing consent of the victim can't be used as a defense in a civil suit. This is because even if someone agrees to participate in a potentially hazardous action it may no be true consent when considering the peer pressure and desire to belong to the group._
TRUE or FALSE Hazing is a criminal offense in all 50 states.

Currently, there are still six states that do not have a law against hazing. New York is not one of those, and has a law against hazing.

TRUE or FALSE Sleep deprivation is a form of hazing.

Sleep deprivation, repeatedly waking up pledges/members, or not allowing them to sleep for at least one continuous six hour block of time, is considered a form of hazing.

TRUE or FALSE If you were hazed, it’s OK to haze other members, because it is tradition.

Tradition is a dangerous word when used with activities like hazing. In many cases, the reasons have been lost as to why traditions even happen. Hazing never serves a positive purpose and whether it happens because it always has or not, it is still a crime and must be stopped. It takes a stronger person to stand up and stop traditions that are wrong, that it does to uphold even the most difficult of traditions.

TRUE or FALSE Most hazing related activities and deaths involve alcohol.

82% of all deaths from hazing involve alcohol.

TRUE or FALSE Most people who haze others have a low self-image/self-esteem.

Hazing is a form of victimization and results in the apparent control and power one has over another person. Just as in the case of a bully on a elementary school playground, the hazing covers up a low self-image. When a person doesn't feel good enough about themselves to earn respect and lead people with integrity and respect, they turn to measures whereby they can “force” respect from people by overpowering them and hazing them.