Effective hazing prevention includes a collaborative and comprehensive approach that engages diverse stakeholders in efforts to address hazing and related issues on multiple levels: individual, group, institutional, and community.

(Dahlburg & Krug, 2002)

Identifying The Gap:
Students rarely identify their experiences as hazing. More than 9 out of 10 students who experienced hazing do not consider themselves to have been hazed.

55% Experience hazing
5% Claim they were hazed

Ecological Model

Student / Individual
Groups / Teams / Clubs
University / College Community
General Community

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INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

Hazing is “any activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers them regardless of a person’s willingness to participate.” (Hoover & Pollard, 1999)

Hazing, bullying, and sexual assault are all forms of interpersonal violence. While not all instances of sexual assault involve hazing and not all instances of hazing involve sexual assault, there is an important connection between them and sexual assault is certainly one of the many weapons used in the hazing arsenal. According to Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence, “understanding the overlapping causes of violence and the things that can protect people and communities is important, and can help us better address violence in all its forms” (Wilkins, Tsao, Hertz, Davis, & Klevens, 2014).

More than half of college students involved in clubs, teams, and groups experience hazing such as:
• Participate in a drinking game
• Associate with specific people and not others
• Act as a personal servant to other members
• Be deprived of sleep
• Attend a skit night or roast where other members are humiliated
• Be yelled, screamed, or cursed at by other members
• Simulate sex acts

Hazing occurs across a range of student groups

Students come to college having experienced hazing. 47% of students experienced at least one instance of hazing in high school

Students view hazing as part of campus culture.

Some hazing involves high-risk and potentially illegal activities — including coerced consumption of alcohol, sexual assault, sexual harassment, battery, and kidnapping

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