

Avoid The Red Flags of Hazing

10 Things Parents Can Do or Ask To Help Their Children Avoid Hazing



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Fraternities exist to provide a place where men or women with common thoughts and goals can come together and unite to achieve as much as they aspire. They may also create friendships that will last a lifetime. When done correctly, with the proper level of guidance, fraternity is an outstanding thing.

When the group does not aspire to a high level of scholarship and is not properly guided, fraternity can be a disaster where people are negatively impacted for a lifetime or even die.



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10 Things You Can Do or Ask

1. Contact the Greek Advisor on campus and request a copy of the last report on the fraternity/sorority your son or daughter is interested in joining. If it is not available, then request an e-mail summary from that staff person.



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2. Get a grade report of all fraternal groups on campus. How does the fraternity your son or daughter is interested in joining compare with the other groups and the all-campus average? If it is sub-par, it is a **RED FLAG**.



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3. Contact the fraternity headquarters of the national organization your son or daughter is interested in joining and ask to speak with the Executive Director. Request a copy of the last field report filed for that fraternity chapter on the respective campus your child will be attending. If it is not available, it is a **RED FLAG**.



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4. Ask the person your son or daughter has spoken to at the local chapter for the phone number of their local chapter advisor. If he/she claims it is not available or they do not have an advisor, it is a **RED FLAG**.



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5. Schedule an interview or phone interview with the local chapter advisor. Ask the following:

6. How much time do you spend at the chapter each week? If the answer is less than one hour, it is a **RED FLAG**.



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Questions of the chapter advisor continued

7. Do you attend all chapter meetings? If the answer is “no,” it should be a concern to you.



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8. Ask for an outline of the pledge manual or the complete pledge manual and schedule. If it is not provided to you, it is a **RED FLAG**.



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9. Do an internet search of the group. Review any available info at safefrat.com.



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10. Conduct a visual inspection of the chapter house, if applicable. If the house is in disrepair, it is a **RED FLAG**.



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Hazing is a group based behavioral problem. It is more of a management problem, however. Chapters with a good understanding of right and wrong, with proper guidance, do not have hazing problems.



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