

# HAZED



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**When you send your child to college  
it should be “goodbye for now”  
not forever.**

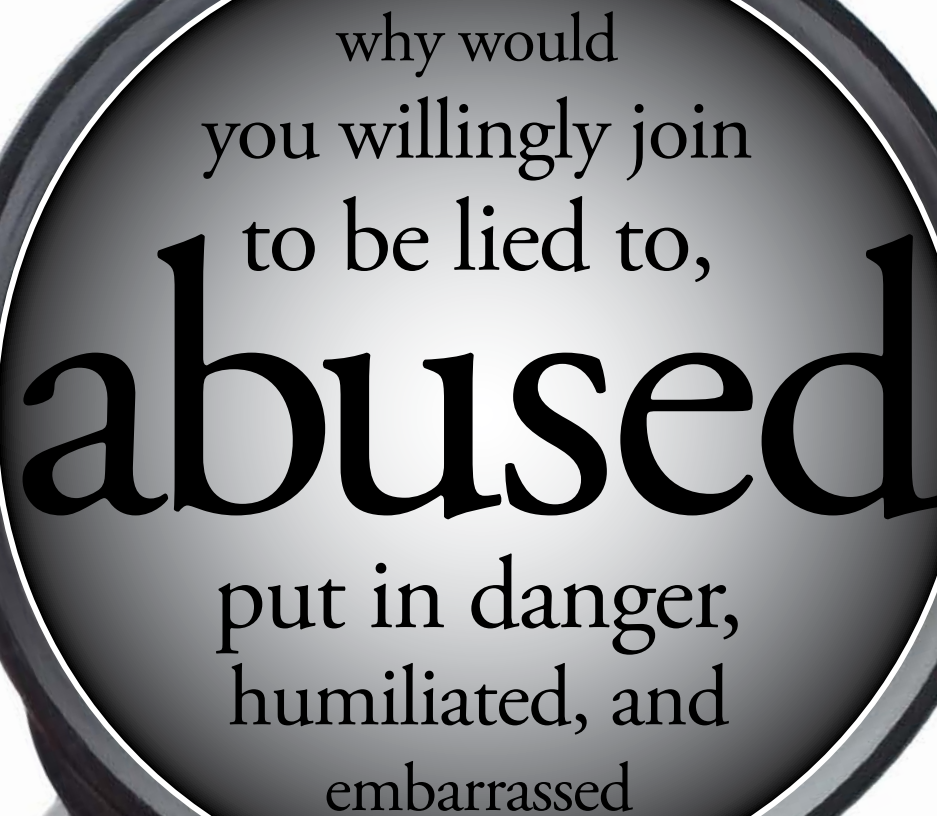


# Look closely.

Hazing should NEVER play a part in the initiation process of any group, club or organization.

Spend as much time researching your student's choice of what they want to belong to as you did helping them pick their university.

Make sure they look for organizations that share similar goals, values, ideals and offer opportunities to learn and develop new skills all while giving back to the community.

A hand is holding a magnifying glass over a dark grey circular area. Inside the circle, the text reads: "why would you willingly join to be lied to, abused put in danger, humiliated, and embarrassed". The word "abused" is significantly larger than the other words.

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## Any questions?

*If group members can't give thorough descriptions or are evasive about what new membership involves...put your guard up.*

### **IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW.**

What is the group's position on hazing?

What is the group's policy on alcohol?

Has the group ever been in trouble for hazing?

Does the group have a policy of transparency?

### **ASK OTHER STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE GROUP.**

What do you know about this group?

What kind of reputation do they have?

Have you heard how they treat new members?

**Contact your University's Division of Student Affairs  
if you don't get the answers you want.**

# Hazing Signs

may be as subtle as your last text.

Hey, just checking in. All good? 👍 You didn't text me back.

I told you I'm fine. Just tired

Ok. Love you. ❤️

love u too

Adjustments when going off to college are expected. If your happy and excited college student shows sudden unexplained changes in their behavior, it will be more obvious to you than anyone. **NO ONE** knows your child better than you do.

## If you notice ...

*Decreased communication with family and friends*

*Seclusion*

*Constant fatigue*

*Depression*

*Increased secrecy*

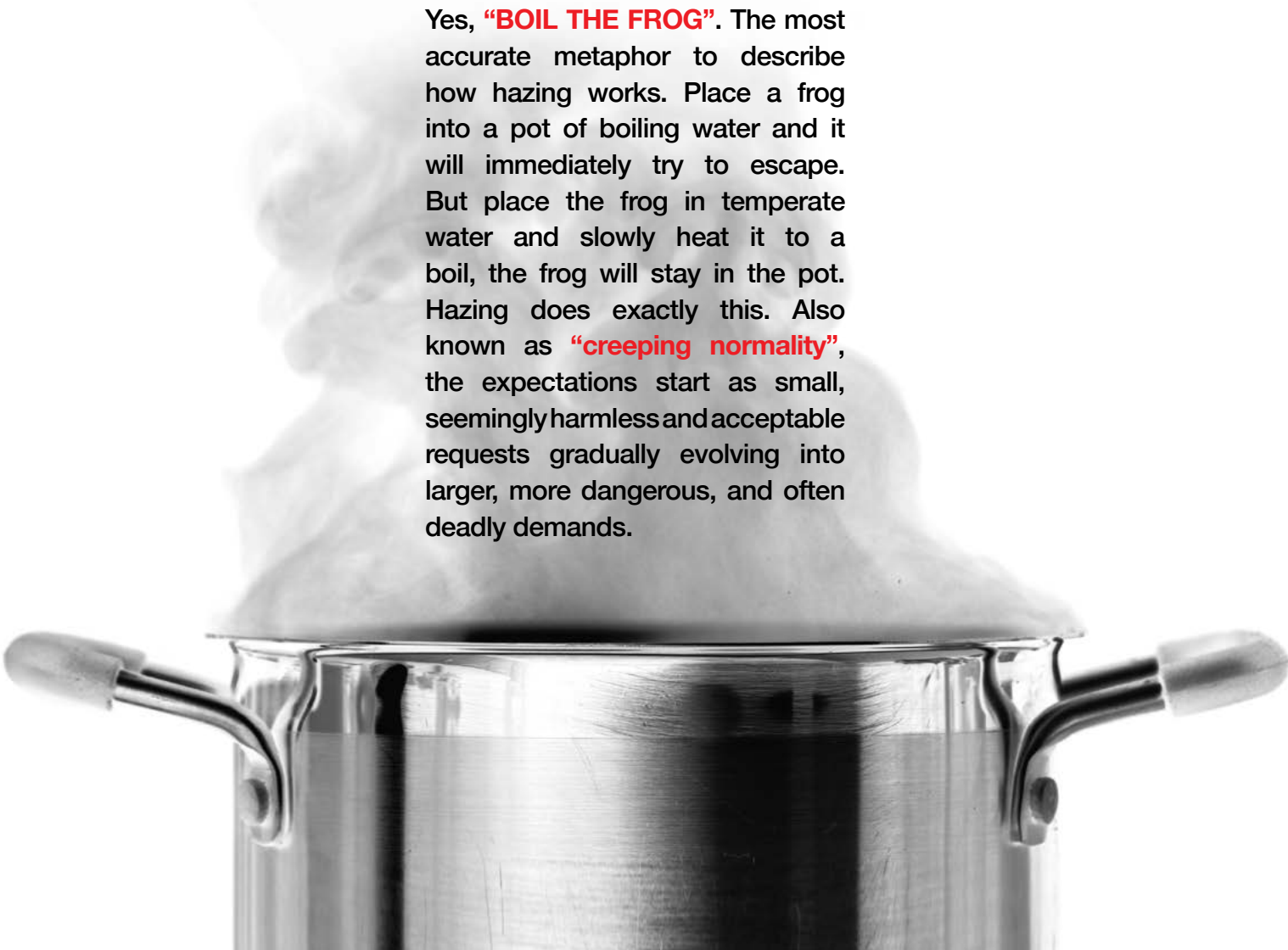
*Avoiding their normal activities*

*Falling grades/missing classes*

*Unexplained injuries or illness*

**...SAY SOMETHING!**

# Boil the Frog?



Yes, **“BOIL THE FROG”**. The most accurate metaphor to describe how hazing works. Place a frog into a pot of boiling water and it will immediately try to escape. But place the frog in temperate water and slowly heat it to a boil, the frog will stay in the pot. Hazing does exactly this. Also known as **“creeping normality”**, the expectations start as small, seemingly harmless and acceptable requests gradually evolving into larger, more dangerous, and often deadly demands.

## INTIMIDATION

Silence/threats if violated • Demerits • Isolation • Deception/lies/tricks • Demeaning names  
Expecting to have certain items at all times

## HARASSMENT

Verbal abuse • Threats/IMPLIED threats • Wearing embarrassing things/clothes  
Skit nights with humiliating acts • Sleep deprivation • Sexual simulations

## VIOLENCE

Forced alcohol or drug consumption • Beating, paddling or any physical assault  
Branding • Eating disgusting things • Water intoxication  
Abduction/kidnapping • Sexual assault



# “Not my kid!”



## No matter how strong we think our children are, they all want to belong.

What type of kid gets hazed? The common consensus is that it only happens to the ones that are needy with low self-esteem. Weak students afraid to stand up for themselves just trying to fit in.

These are exactly the things that an unfortunate number of parents would've agreed with before they lost their child to hazing. At one point we have all said **“Not my kid!”**

The majority of young people who have died or been seriously injured from hazing are quite the opposite from the quiet insecure ones. They are more commonly popular, independent and confident. Mentally and physically strong. They are athletes, good students, musicians, artists, and leaders. They are people who would typically stand up for themselves as well as others.

55%

More than half of college students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations experience hazing.

47%

Nearly half of students have experienced hazing prior to coming to college.

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Estimated college students have died from hazing related deaths since 2000.

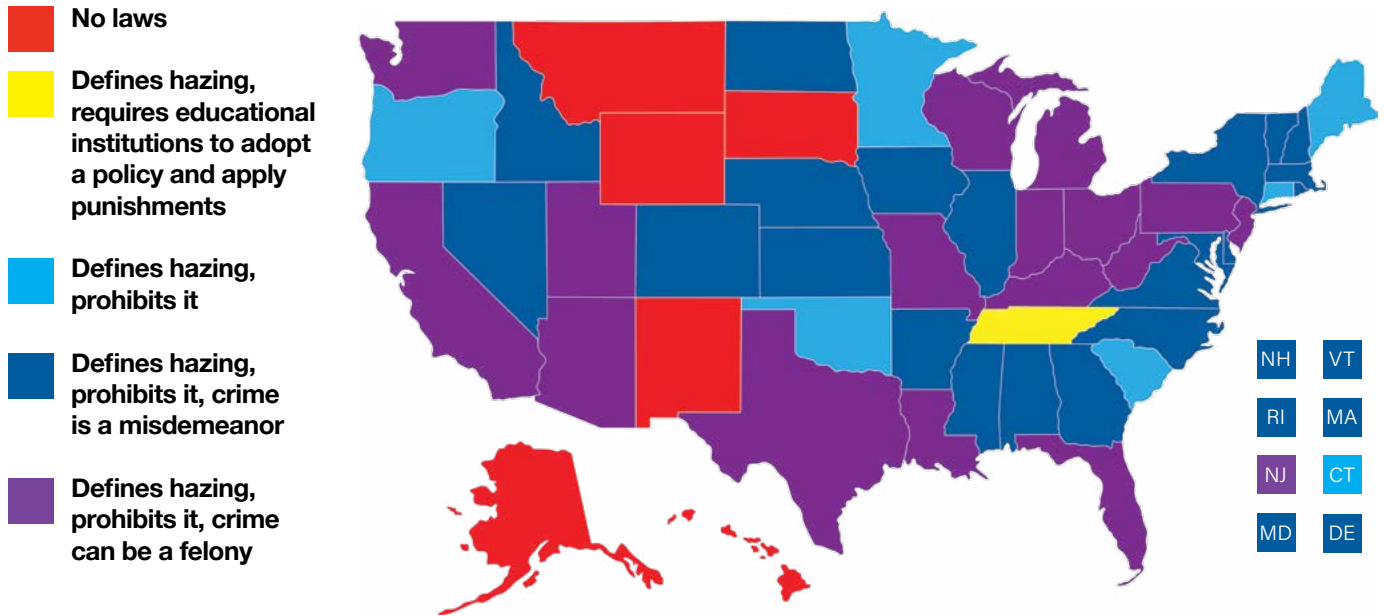
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44 states currently have adopted anti-hazing legislation, with a push for a federal law.

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It takes one person to speak up to stop hazing when they hear about it or see it happening and maybe save a life.

# 44 of the 50 states have anti-hazing laws.



## What is Medical Amnesty?

“Medical Amnesty” is a statewide law and/or campus policy which grants limited legal immunity to people when they seek help for themselves or others who need immediate medical attention due to alcohol or other drug overdose, regardless of their age or the substance used. Some policies may be known by the names “Good Samaritan” or “911 Lifeline.” As of 2022, 40 U.S. states and the District of Columbia have Medical Amnesty laws. Currently, there is no federal Medical Amnesty law. To learn if your campus has a Medical Amnesty policy, check your campus website.

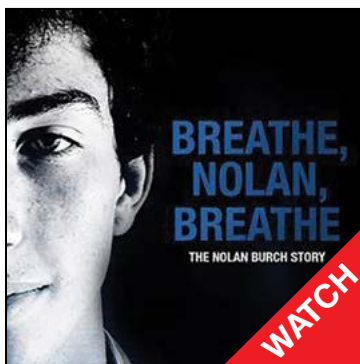
## More info.

These organizations and videos have been created by parents across the country who have lost a child to hazing and want you to have all of the information they wish they had.

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