

Hazing



WHAT Is Hazing?

"A form of harassment that includes conduct through which Service members or DoD employees, without proper military or other governmental purpose, but with a nexus to military service, physically or psychologically injure or create a risk of physical or psychological injury to Service members for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, change in status or position within, or continued membership in any military DoD civil organization." 1

WHO Can Be Impacted by Hazing?





Team or Unit



The Organization

WHY Should I Care About Hazing?

Hazing negatively affects individuals, the unit, and impacts the organization.

Individual Impacts

Team/Unit Impacts

Organization Impacts



Mental Health²



Trust⁵



Core Values⁶



Physical Health²



Unit Cohesion⁵



Reputation⁶



Substance Abuse²



Loss of Personnel^{7,8}



Sexual Assault³



Faith in Leaders⁵



Mission Readiness⁵



Job Satisfaction⁴

WHERE Does Hazing Occur?

Hazing can occur both in and out of the workplace. The climate and organization can be affected by several risk factors that make hazing more likely.











Strong hierarchical structure^{9,10} Strongly rooted traditions¹¹ High-stress environment¹²

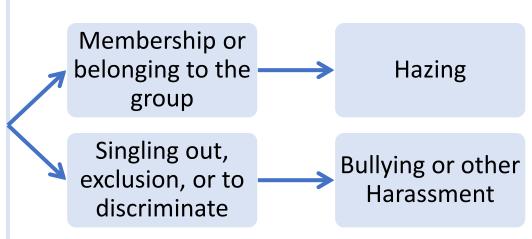
Traditionally masculine norms^{13,14}

Large personnel population¹²

WHEN is it Hazing?

Without Proper Military Purpose:

- ! Berating or Belittling
- ! Branding
- ! Shaving
- ! Forced Consumption
- ! Abusive Tricks
- ! Pinning
- ! Bondage
- ! Sleep Deprivation



HOW Can Hazing be Prevented?

Primary Prevention

- Clear and comprehensive policy and communication
- Train leaders to recognize hazing behaviors and early signs within the climate

Secondary Prevention

- Ensure reporting systems are secure, accessible, and reports are taken seriously
- Follow response protocols, including support services to targets

Tertiary Prevention

- Encourage unit activities that promote healthy interaction with unified goals
- Regularly monitor climate patterns and report data





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