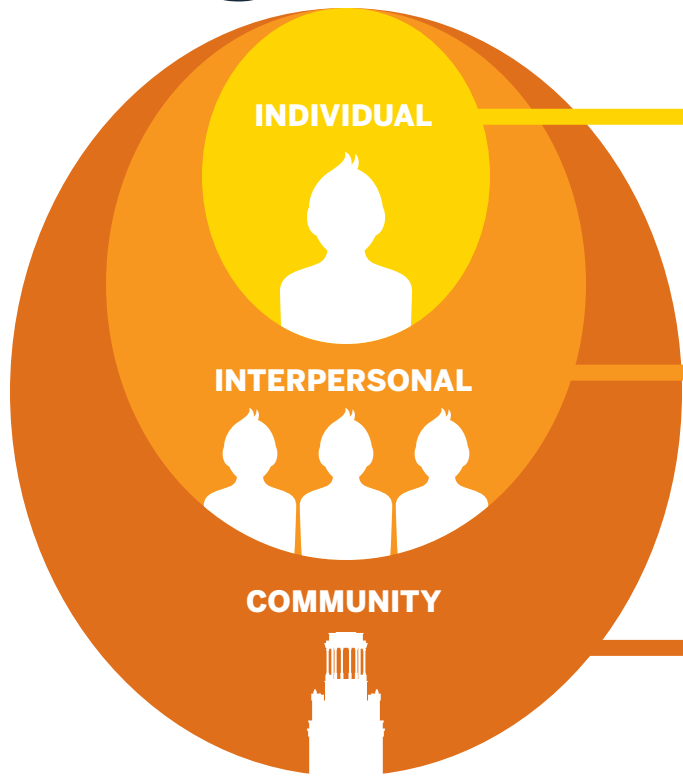


WELLNESS NETWORK ISSUE BRIEF

Hazing



Students often do not recognize or report incidents of hazing and it can be normalized in the student organization culture.

27% of UT students reported having experienced at least one behavior that meets the definition of hazing, but only **2%** self-identified that they had been hazed.

While there is a myth that hazing builds unity among members of a community, in reality

70% of UT students understand that hazing is not an effective way to create bonding.

Hazing continues to occur in University affiliated organizations. In the 2017-2018 year there were

17 investigations into hazing incidents focused on **14** different UT affiliated organizations.

WHAT'S UT DOING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE?

The Hazing Prevention Consortium: UT Austin is a proud member of the Hazing Prevention Consortium (HPC). The HPC supports member campuses over a three-year period to develop evidence-based practices for hazing prevention.

Horns Against Hazing: An initiative established to broaden the reach of hazing prevention and education to the entire campus through open invitation speaking events, and small group workshops for specific organization communities.

Safety Education Program: A state mandated and peer led program for all registered and sponsored student organizations. The program covers a variety of health and safety topics for student organizations, including the definition of hazing and how to report.

Houston Area Parent and Family Outreach Initiative: Provides support and education to families, incoming students, alumni, and community members in the greater Houston community. Educational initiatives are focused on raising awareness and shifting the culture of hazing in sororities and fraternities. This pilot program is made possible by generous donor funding.

BeVocal: All Longhorns have a responsibility to shift the culture of hazing by being an active bystander. Request or attend a BeVocal workshop to learn the steps and skills of bystander intervention; recognize harm, choose to respond, and take action.

Trainings and Workshops: Request a workshop for your student group, staff team, or faculty unit to learn more about hazing, how to intervene, support students and report. All trainings can be tailored to the needs to the group. To request a workshop visit the wellness network website.

Hazing Reporting Options: Anyone with knowledge of hazing should submit a report to the Office of the Dean of Students online at deanofstudents.utexas.edu or by calling 512-471-5017. Individuals wishing to speak with someone on the phone regarding a concern but still remain anonymous, may call the Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL) at 512-232-5050.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE WELLNESS NETWORK

The Hazing Prevention and Education Committee



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