HAZED & CONFUSED; THERE'S NO EXCUSE!

HAZING: WHAT IT IS

The University of California defines hazing as any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a campus organization or other activity engaged in by the organization or members of the organization at any time that causes, or is likely to cause, physical injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in psychological harm to any student or person.

The California Legislature recently moved hazing from the Education Code to the Penal Code. Matt's Law states that some incidents related to hazing are now classified as felonies and could lead to jail time and fines up to $5,000. In addition, bystanders, organizations and/or witnesses to hazing who fail to report and/or intervene could face civil penalties.

For more information: California State Penal Code, Section 245.6 (www.leginfo.ca.gov)

Hazing activities are generally considered to be hazardous to your health and/or emotionally traumatic. These activities may include (but are not limited to): Forced or coerced consumption of alcohol, forced consumption of large quantities of water, socially isolating new members/pledges, line-ups and drills/tests on meaningless information, sleep deprivation, ingestion of vile substances, branding, simulated sex acts, restrictions on association with others, whipping, kicking, beating, public nudity, and paddling.

source: http://www.stophazing.org/definition