



## Position Statement On Health & Safety

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Members of the Fraternity Forward Coalition (FFC) take seriously their commitment to encouraging safe and healthy behaviors among their undergraduate members. Any attempt to indicate otherwise is simply fear mongering.

In general, FFC members ascribe to the same set of health and safety guidelines as do all national fraternities. Among those shared core beliefs\* are:

- All members must follow the laws of the municipalities in which their chapters are located (whether federal, state or local).
- There is absolutely no place in any fraternity for the practice of hazing.
- Treating people – fellow members, new members, guests, and those on our campuses and in our communities – with respect is paramount.

Colleges and universities offer, by and large, an environment in which young men and women grow to become responsible citizens who contribute to their communities upon graduation. Fraternal organizations, like colleges and universities, educate men about responsible decision making throughout the college years. In fact, in one recent study, it was suggested fraternity men are better educated in some issues than those not affiliated with fraternities and that the education works (Corprew & Mitchell, 2014).

FFC members provide educational materials and programs to their undergraduate members in a variety of methods throughout the year and take necessary steps to educate about leadership, health, safety, and a myriad of other opportunities targeted toward college men. If a student or group of students do not follow the member fraternity's guidelines, appropriate measures are taken, either educational or disciplinary or both.

However, our fundamental principle is that fraternities are a positive influence on members, campuses, and communities. We believe in working to preserve the many positives of fraternities and establishing educational and disciplinary protocols with those goals in mind.

*Corprew, C., and Mitchell, A. (September 2014) Keeping It Frat: Exploring the Interaction among Fraternity Membership, Disinhibition, and Hypermasculinity on Sexually Aggressive Attitudes in College-Aged Males Journal of College Student Development. 55 (6).*

\* For a more complete understanding of FFC members' health and safety policies, visit each member's website.

