

AKPsi
Risk Prevention Program
Courageous Leadership Module
Case Study #1



ALPHA KAPPA PSI
The Professional Business Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Psi is recognized as the premier developer of principled business leaders.

You are a member of a 40 person chapter at a small private college. You have been a member of Alpha Kappa Psi for three semesters including the semester you pledged which was the first semester of your sophomore year. You and four brothers decide to go on a road trip to visit another chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, three hours away. This chapter is hosted at a large state school, boasts a membership of 150 brothers, 52 pledges and has a chapter house on fraternity row. You are excited to see how this chapter operates and see if you can bring back any of the traditions or events they do.

You arrive at their campus on Friday around noon and meet some of the local brothers for lunch. They treat you to lunch, take you on a tour of campus and to the chapter house. You are impressed with the size of the campus and the house, being much bigger than you imagined. You ask what's on the docket for the weekend. The local brothers tell you about a cookout planned for the pledges tonight at the house, followed by games and music. You anticipate a fun night with the brothers and pledges at the house.

The cookout begins and you enjoy meeting pledges and brothers from the chapter. The chapter treasurer is cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers and everything is tasty. You and a chapter brother decide to duck inside to wash your hands after you're done eating.

While walking to the restroom, you pass a bedroom with the door slightly ajar. You hear yelling coming from the bedroom. You peek in and notice a couple of brothers and pledges, whom you met earlier. The brothers are yelling at the pledges who are standing in a line. One of the pledges is crying. Two of the four pledges are covered in mustard and barbeque sauce. It appears to you the brothers are squirting the pledges with sauces when they answer a question about AKPsi history incorrectly. You also notice a carton of eggs sitting on the bed, with a few missing and you deduce the eggs have been broken on the pledges heads.

At this point, you realize these three brothers are hazing the four pledges. Worse yet, you see the humiliation and despair the pledges are experiencing. You and your chapter brother walk away from the room so as not to be seen or heard. After washing your hands, you and your chapter brother walk back down to the cookout.

1. What are your options?
2. How could you have shown courageous leadership in this example?
3. Do you tell anybody what you saw? If so, who?
4. What violations occurred in this incident?