

# Anti Hazing Requirements for Clubs

Not only is hazing against the law, but it is a practice which diminishes the integrity of individuals and their organizations. Hazing is clearly defined with the sections of the law, and has no place in our society, particularly at an institution of higher education.

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In December 1987, the anti-hazing legislation, Chapter 269, Sections 17 through 19, was amended by the Legislature in Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1987. The amendment increases the criminal penalties for hazing infractions and alters the manner in which institutions notify individuals of the law.

Specifically, WPI is required to inform groups, teams, or organizations of the provisions of M.G.L. [MA State Law Chapter 269, Section 17, 18, and 19](#). The club president must provide and share Sections 17, 18, and 19 of this law to each member of the organization. Once you have shared the information with your organization:

- Presidents must complete this form attesting to their responsibilities above [here](#).
- Members must complete this form attesting to their receipt of the MA State Law [here](#).
- Clubs must complete both forms annually. The annual due date for these forms is **October 1**. For members who join after October 1, new members must complete the form upon joining and no later than March 1.

WPI is committed to emphasizing that all organization activities be made constructive, educational, and safe. Therefore, in support of the university's commitment to the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of every student, it is the policy of the University and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that "hazing" in any form be prohibited, and its practices in any fashion be condemned.