

**HAZING STATUTE ACKNOWLEDGMENT SHEET  
MASSACHUSETTS HAZING STATUTE**

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Re: ANTI-HAZING POLICY (Chapter 269, Massachusetts General Law)

Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student of other person.

Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined above and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonable practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.<

Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this document; provided, however, that an institution's compliance shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this document to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officers, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this document, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of this document and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with its provisions.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this document.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this document and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such a policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students.

The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

**Hazing Statute Acknowledgment Sheet**

Returned by: Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Club Sport \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Massachusetts hazing statute, and understand and agree to comply with its provisions.

*Please complete the form, and submit. Thank you!*