



# What Do I Need to Know About Hazing?

Key Points of the Mass. Anti-Hazing Law

## ***What is HAZING?***

- Any conduct or initiation into a student organization which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical/mental health a student.
- Examples include beating, forced consumption of food, alcohol or drugs or any other brutal treatment that is likely to adversely affect the physical health/safety of another student.
- The victim's consent cannot be used as defense to escape from prosecution of the law.

## ***What if I know someone who is being hazed by his teammates?***

- You have an obligation to report it to a school or law official. Failing to report hazing when you know about it can be punished by the courts with up to a \$1,000 fine.

## ***What can happen to those who haze another student?***

- According to the law, any organizer or participant in the crime of hazing could be punished with up to a \$3,000 fine or one year in prison or both.

