# 400.530 HAZING POLICY

Hazing is prohibited within the Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) community. In accordance with [RCW 28B.10.900](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=28B.10.900), "hazing” includes any act committed as part of a person’s recruitment, initiation, pledging, admission into or affiliation with a student organization, athletic team, or living group, or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such an organization, athletic team or living group that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, or serious psychological or emotional harm, to any student or other person attending a public or private institution of higher education or other post-secondary institution in Washington state, including causing, directing, coercing, or forcing a person to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance which subjects the person to risk of such harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions. This prohibition applies to conduct that may occur both on and off campus. In compliance with [RCW 28B.10](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=28B.10) (903-907), the college will implement procedures and programs, including offering students and employees hazing prevention training and programming, implementation of a mandatory reporting procedure, creation of a hazing prevention committee, and publication of a hazing report.

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Related policies and procedures

400.100 [Student Rights & Responsibilities/Code of Student Conduct Policy](https://www.wvc.edu/humanresources/policies-procedures/400-student-services/400.100-student-rights-and-responsibilities.html)

1400.110 [Code of Student Conduct Procedure](https://www.wvc.edu/humanresources/policies-procedures/400-student-services/1400.110-code-of-student-conduct.html)

1400.530 [Hazing Procedure](https://www.wvc.edu/humanresources/policies-procedures/400-student-services/400.530-hazing.html)