

WAC 132T-100-135 Hazing. Walla Walla Community College District 20 complies with RCW 28B.10.900 through 28B.10.903 and Sam's Law, the name of the new antihazing legislation adopted in Washington state. Sam's Law updates the definition of hazing and requires institutions of higher education to implement antihazing programs for their students and employees. It also requires institutions of higher education to publish an annual report identifying student organizations, athletic teams, and living groups found responsible for engaging in hazing.

The act defines hazing to include 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 institution of higher education in the state of Washington, including causing, directing, coercing, or forcing a person to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance which subjects the person to the risk of such harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

The college prohibits any hazing activities on or off the college premises. Refer to college administrative policies and procedures on antihazing for additional information on the antihazing penalties and education programs for students and employees. Refer to RCW 28B.10.900 through 28B.10.903 for additional information on definitions of hazing and penalties under Washington state law.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.250 and 28B.50.140. WSR 22-18-029, § 132T-100-135, filed 8/29/22, effective 9/29/22.]