

Rhode Island School of Design Campus Hazing Transparency Report

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) is committed to providing a safe educational environment and does not tolerate hazing by any group or individual affiliated with RISD. RISD defines hazing as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons, regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that (1) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization (e.g., a club, athletic team, fraternity, or sorority); and (2) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in an educational program or activity of the organization, of physical or psychological injury. Hazing is strictly prohibited under Rhode Island Law ([R.I.G.L. § 11-21-1 \(Criminal Offenses – Hazing\)](#) and [RISD's Anti-Hazing Policy](#).

In accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA) and section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, RISD publishes its Campus Hazing Transparency Report, which is a report of any student organization that has been found responsible for hazing. The report is broad in scope and includes all reports of hazing involving student organizations, whether recognized or unrecognized. The report also includes the name of the student organization, the dates (if known) of the hazing behavior, the date such behavior was reported to RISD, the dates of investigation, when the student organization was found responsible, a description of the findings, whether any findings of hazing involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs, and the date(s) RISD provided notice to the student organization that the incident resulted in a hazing violation. Reports of hazing that did not result in a finding of responsibility are not included.

Please note that annual statistics on hazing will be available in RISD's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFSR) beginning with the 2026 report (issued in 2027). Hazing statistics include incident reports that meet the federal definition of hazing in Section 485(f)(6)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 USC 1092(f)(6)(A)). Such statistics do not reflect actual findings of hazing behavior, which are included in this Campus Hazing Transparency Report. RISD will update this report biennially to ensure transparency and accountability within our community. The report will note the date of the last update.

RISD remains committed to a safe campus environment. To view our full anti-hazing policy, including prevention/education programs and how to report allegations of hazing, please see [RISD's Anti-Hazing Policy](#).

From July 1, 2025 to the date of this publication, there are no findings to report. Zero (0) student organizations were found responsible for hazing violations under RISD policy during this reporting period.

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