



## **Staying Legal for Michigan Nonprofits**

[www.stayinglegalmi.org](http://www.stayinglegalmi.org)

The Michigan Nonprofit Association has introduced a new website that will help Michigan charities abide by state and federal laws and filing requirements. This new one-stop resource is found at [www.stayinglegalmi.org](http://www.stayinglegalmi.org) and has information about almost any law that applies to Michigan charities.

The website contains brief explanations of many relevant topics and provides links directly to the online resources where information, forms and publications can be easily obtained. The website is easy to navigate, with information organized under helpful descriptive headings, and explanations written without the use of legal terminology. Some of the topics found on the website include:

- What it means to be a charitable organization
- Steps to creating a charity
- Annual filing requirements
- Corporation requirements
- IRS rules
- Employment laws
- Raffles, Bingo & Charity Games
- Lobbying, Advocacy & Political Activity
- Special laws that apply to programs and fundraising activities
- Dissolving a charity

While the website should not be used by charities to substitute for legal advice or the advice of other professionals, it is a valuable source of information for charities and for those who work with charities.

Kyle Caldwell, President and CEO of MNA, commented: “This is a tremendous resource to help charities more efficiently fulfill their legal responsibilities so that they have more time and energy to carry out their important missions.”

MNA will continue to update the website by posting changes in laws and recent developments in nonprofit regulations and filing requirements. Please send comments or suggestions concerning this new website to Marion Gorton at [mgorton@mnaonline.org](mailto:mgorton@mnaonline.org), with “stayinglegalmi” as the subject line.