

You can do this manually in code with a `DataBinder`:

```
MyClass toValidate = new MyClass();
DataBinder binder = new DataBinder(toValidate);
binder.setValidator(new MyValidator());
binder.validate();
if (binder.getBindingResult().hasErrors()) {
    // oh noes!
}
```

Although if you've got a `@ModelAttribute` defined in a `@Controller` in `spring-mvc`, something like this should work (placed inside the relevant `@Controller`):

```
@ModelAttribute("myclass")
public MyClass myClass() {
    return new MyClass();
}

@InitBinder("myclass")
protected void initBinder(WebDataBinder binder) {
    binder.setValidator(new MyValidator());
}

@RequestMapping(value = "/do/something", method = POST)
public ModelAndView validatedRequest(@Valid @ModelAttribute("myclass") MyClass
profile,
                                     BindingResult result) {
    if (result.hasErrors()) {
        // oh noes!
    }
}
```