

Public Health and Sanitation

Environmental Health and Safety is responsible for ensuring the health and safety of the FSU community and ensuring compliance with all established public health standards.

The local county public health unit is responsible for conducting routine environmental health inspections of all of FSU's facilities to identify unsafe and unhealthy conditions and to ensure that those conditions are corrected.

EH&S assists the local county public health unit in the inspection program for food service establishments (licensed and temporary), swimming pools and bathing places, childcare facilities, primary and secondary schools, and non-community public water supplies. EH&S will assist in resolving any problem that arises during the inspections and thereafter.

Swimming Pools and Bathing Places

The local community public health unit (LCPHU), under the authority of Department Of Health, is responsible for regulating water quality of swimming pools and public bathing facilities.

LCPHU conducts inspections and water quality monitoring of FSU-owned swimming pools and public bathing facilities. EH&S acts as liaison for timely correction of public health concerns related to swimming and bathing areas.

Standard governing these facilities includes Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 64E-9 \(Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Places\)](#)

Child Care Centers

The Leon County Public Health Unit (LCPHU), under the authority of the Department of Children and Family Services, is responsible for licensing and inspecting childcare facilities.

LCPHU conducts inspections of childcare facilities to determine if these facilities provide safety equipment, wholesome food supplies, safe water supply and waste disposal systems, adequate and safe play areas, adequate emergency and security procedures and an environment free of communicable disease. EH&S may assess with the inspection of these facilities.

Standard governing these facilities includes Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 65C-22 Child Care Standards](#)

Primary and Secondary Schools

The Leon County Public Health Unit (LCPHU), under the authority of the Florida Department of Education, is responsible for regulating primary and secondary school environments.

The LCPHU inspects the Developmental Research School to determine if school buildings, grounds, shops, cafeteria, laboratories, restroom facilities, first aid rooms and classrooms provide a safe and healthy environment for school children and staff members.

EH&S may assist school administration and various campus departments (Project Control, Grounds, Building Services, etc.) to identify and implement solutions to environmental problems identified during these inspections.

Standards governing these facilities include Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 64E-13 \(School Sanitation\)](#)
- [Chapter 6A-2 \(Educational Facilities\)](#)

Non-Community Public Water Supplies

The Leon County Public Health Unit (LCPHU), under the authority of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, is responsible for regulating safe drinking water. The LCPHU monitors the water quality of the non-community public water supplies for FSU's facilities at FSU's Main Campus, University Golf Course, and FSU Reservation. The FSU Marine Laboratory is assisted by the Franklin County Public Health Department.

Standard governing these facilities is:

- [Chapter 62-550 F.A.C. \(Drinking Water Standards, Monitoring and Reporting\)](#)

Water lines and systems repairs

Facilities is responsible for repairing water distribution lines and related common utility systems. Following any repairs, and prior to the potable water being used for drinking purposes, the system must be:

- Flushed to ensure cleanliness and that chlorination levels are adequate in accordance with American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards,
- Tested to verify satisfactory results for bacteriological samples as specified by American Water Works Association (AWWA) or other municipal or state codes, as applicable. These water samples are not normally required unless it is suspected that the line repair may have contaminated the building water supply. When they are performed, signage and postings should be placed at all sources to alert potential users until sanitation has been confirmed by properly licensed plumbers or Facilities personnel.

Solid Waste Storage Facilities

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for regulating solid waste.

EH&S assists FSU Grounds, Building Services, Housing and Recreation Services in implementing procedures of proper containment of solid waste. EH&S is also responsible for FSU's hazardous waste (chemical waste, biomedical waste, and radiological waste) management program.

Primary standards governing these facilities include Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 62-701 \(Solid Waste Management Facilities\) and Chapter 62-730 \(Hazardous Waste\)](#)

Individual Sewage Disposal Facilities

The Florida Departments of Health and Environmental Protection are responsible for regulating and licensing sewage treatment facilities.

EH&S assists FSU departments and other FSU owned facilities in evaluating individual sewage processes to ensure that they remain in compliance with state laws, regulations, and local ordinances.

Standards governing these facilities include Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 64E-8 \(Drinking Water Systems\)](#)
- [Chapter 64E-6 \(Standards for Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems\)](#)
- [Chapter 64E-16 Biomedical Waste](#)

Stray Animals on Campus

It is recognized stray animals can be found on campus. Animals that are not vaccinated or kept clean of parasites can pose a potential threat to the health and safety of the campus community. While it is true that properly managed trap, neuter, and release colonies can exist without too much detriment to an area. However, it requires a great deal of time, commitment, and funds to keep the animals in good health without risk to local wildlife or humans. Nevertheless, the main health and safety concern is related to potential zoonotic disease for the campus community.

In order to minimize the potential threat to the health and safety, FSU Facilities and Maintenance has a policy that prohibit the feeding of stray animals on campus. The policy is in line with the American Veterinary Medical Association's policy.

A stray animal that is in distress should be reported to FSU Facilities who can put out humane traps to capture them and relocate them or take them to the shelter.

Note, in addition to attracting other vermin, the presence of food tends to draw and encourages others animals from adjacent neighborhoods to come on campus looking for food, encourage them to breed, and put them at a great risk of being hit by a vehicle.

Standards and authority for implementation of animal control policies include:

Leon County Code:

- [Animal Ordinance](#)

City of Tallahassee Codes:

- [Tallahassee Animal Ordinance](#)

Additional Resources and References

- [American Veterinary Medical Association](#)
- [Facilities and Maintenance](#)
- [City of Tallahassee Animal Control](#)

Pet Animals on Campus

While pets can be a source of much enjoyment, they can also pose a potential threat to the health and safety of the campus community. Nevertheless, it is recognized that many pets are well behaved and may be brought on campus by responsible persons.

In order to balance the needs of these pet owners with the necessity to ensure other faculty, staff, students, and visitors may safely and comfortable use our campus facilities, the following rules will apply when pet animals are brought on University property.

- Pet animals are generally permitted on campus only while leashed and under the direct control of their owners.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up all animal excrement on University grounds and must dispose of the excrement properly.
- Pet animals are not permitted in any campus food service area, swimming pool or bathing place, athletic event area, or within any buildings.

- Trained service animals, such as guide dogs for the blind, as well as other official service animals, are permitted on campus and in buildings in accordance with applicable laws. Contact [Human Resources](#) for assistance with these issues.
- Official university mascots are permitted on campus and in designated facilities.
- Animals used for research projects that have been approved by the Animal Control and Use Committee are permitted on campus and in designated buildings where the research is conducted.
- Always be responsible and respectful of others and remember that permission to have pets on campus is a privilege.

Enforcement of this animal control policy should be by the Dean, Director, or Department Head responsible for the specific facility.

Standards and authority for implementation of animal control policies include:

Florida Administrative Codes:

- [Chapter 64E-11 \(Food Hygiene\)](#)
- [Chapter 64E-9 \(Swimming Pools and Bathing Places\)](#)

Leon County Codes:

- [Animal Control Division](#)
- [Animal Ordinance](#)

City of Tallahassee Codes:

- [Animal Control - see Local Animal Laws](#)
- [Tallahassee Animal Ordinance](#)

Animal Bites

EH&S investigates all reported bites and scratches from warm-blooded animals. Employees must first report bites and scratches from warm-blooded animals to their supervisor. The supervisor, clinical staff, police officers, laboratory personnel, or the person attending to the bite victims is required to report the incident to Leon County Animal Control Office or FSU Police and EH&S.

Domestic animals responsible for biting individuals on campus or persons affiliated with FSU will be observed for symptoms of rabies during a quarantine period. The animal must be quarantined at the owner's home, the Animal Shelter, or a licensed veterinary hospital under the supervision of the Leon County Animal Control Office.

Standards and authority for implementation of animal control policies includes:

Leon County Code:

- [Animal Ordinance](#)

City of Tallahassee Codes:

- [Tallahassee Animal Ordinance](#)

Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 64D-3 Control of Communicable Diseases and Conditions Which May Significantly Affect Public Health, Department of Health](#)

Unsanitary Conditions

EH&S is responsible for ensuring the correction of the unsanitary condition.

EH&S will investigate and compile a report and order the correction of the unsanitary condition. All unsanitary conditions including but not limited to the creation, maintenance, or causing of any condition capable of breeding flies, mosquitoes, or other insects capable of transmitting diseases, directly or indirectly to humans; untreated or improperly treated human waste, waste which may present a threat of infection to humans, garbage, offal, dead animals, or noxious odors which are harmful to human or animal life; or contamination of food or water for human consumption will be [reported to EH&S](#). EH&S will document all actions on complaints and retain them on file.

Standards and authority for governing this function:

Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 64E-16 \(Biomedical Waste\)](#)

Florida Statute:

- [Chapter 386 \(Particular Conditions Affecting Public Health\)](#)

Communicable Disease Investigation

The Local County Public Health Unit (LCPHU) under the authority of the Florida Department of Health is responsible for ensuring epidemiological investigation of all communicable diseases occurring on FSU's facilities.

EH&S may assist the LCPHU in the epidemiological investigation of all communicable diseases occurring on FSU's facilities. Reports of communicable disease investigation that are declared to be dangerous to public health will be on file with the LCPHU.

Standard governing these facilities includes Florida Administrative Code:

- [Chapter 64D-3 Control of Communicable Diseases And Conditions Which May Significantly Affect Public Health](#)