



## RUTGERS POLICY

**Section:** 30.1.4

**Section Title:** Public Safety

**Policy Name:** Commitment to Health, Safety, and Environmental Affairs

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**Responsible Executive:** Senior Vice President for Administration

**Responsible Office:** Division of Administration and Public Safety

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1. **Policy Statement**

This policy applies broadly to all members of the university community and all university owned and managed facilities and operations. Federal and State laws mandate compliance with environmental and occupational health and safety regulations. Often, regulatory compliance is the minimum standard that must be achieved.

2. **Reason for Policy**

- To state the university's commitment to protect all members of the university community and the environment.
- To ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.

3. **Who Should Read This Policy**

All members of the Rutgers University community.

4. **Related Documents**

This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Radiation Safety Guide
- b. Biological Safety Guide
- c. Lab Safety / Chemical Hygiene Guide
- d. Other REHS policies and procedures

5. **Contacts**

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## 6. The Policy

### 30.1.4 COMMITMENT TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is committed to protecting the health and safety of all members of the university community and our environment. To demonstrate this commitment, Rutgers shall be a leader amongst public research universities for health, safety, and environmental performance. Therefore it shall be the policy of Rutgers University to:

- Provide facilities and operations that are safe and healthful;
- Strive to prevent all occupational injuries and illnesses by emphasizing safety management, education and training, and safe work practices;
- Comply with all applicable health, safety, and environmental laws and regulations;
- Minimize waste, and reuse/recycle materials when it is economically and environmentally appropriate;
- Ensure that health, safety, and environmental protection is a principal consideration in the design, construction, and/or renovation of all buildings and facilities;
- Establish goals, measure, and report our health, safety, and environmental performance;
- Incorporate health, safety, and environmental behaviors and values in our teaching and research while maintaining the independence and vitality of these activities; and
- Be open and communicate broadly our health, safety, and environmental activities and performance.

All members of the university community, including students, faculty, staff, visiting researchers and contractors, are expected to be cognizant of, and conform with, university policies and procedures and share the responsibility for minimizing risks to health, safety and the environment.

Faculty and supervisory staff must assure that their employees and students work in a safe, healthful, and environmentally responsible manner and comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and university policies and procedures.

The Rutgers Environmental Health and Safety Department (REHS) is responsible for implementing university policies by providing consultation, education and training, audits, and other services.

A University Committee structure will advise the senior administration on all matters of health, safety, and environmental protection and assist in developing policies and procedures to achieve these goals.