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Environment, Health and Safety Policy

Office of Accountability:	Vice President Finance and Administration
Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Environment, Health and Safety
Approver:	Board of Governors (Board Safety, Health and Environment Committee)
University Scope:	Compliance with this University policy extends to all members of the University community.

Overview

The University of Alberta is required to comply with legislation that pertains to health, safety and the environment. To demonstrate this commitment, the University will establish, improve upon and maintain the **Environment, Health and Safety Management System** (EHSMS) to ensure compliance with all applicable legislation.

Purpose

To demonstrate a commitment to protecting the environment and to creating, maintaining, and continuously improving safe and healthy living, learning and working conditions for the **University community**.

POLICY

Health, safety, and **environmental stewardship** are shared responsibilities at the University of Alberta.

This policy provides the foundation of a formal management system intended to improve health, safety and environmental practices continuously.

Individuals involved in conducting **University affairs** will integrate responsible health, safety and environmental practices into their activities according to all applicable legislation and University policies and procedures.

The University will create procedures that meet applicable legislation and best practices; the University community must abide by these procedures.

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. [\[▲Top\]](#)

Environment, Health and Safety Management System	A University of Alberta framework that reflects best practice for organizing environment, health and safety policy, assignment of accountabilities, and related procedures. The framework reflects integrated processes, clear accountabilities with roles and responsibilities.
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University Community	All current University employees and non- employees, and anyone residing on campus;
Environmental Stewardship	The use of practices that protect the sustainability of the natural and work environments.
University Affairs	Any activity that is directly related to or arising out of the operations of the university at any location.

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Environment Assignment of Accountabilities

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