



Legislation for Safety in the Science Classroom

Legal Requirements

Teachers and school authorities are responsible for ensuring safety in their science classrooms. They must be aware of and comply with legal requirements. Planning for classroom safety starts with reviewing and understanding applicable legislation. Depending on the classroom activity, one or more of the following federal, provincial, and/or local laws may apply.

Canada Fire and Building Codes

- *National Building Code – 2019 Alberta Edition*
- *National Fire Code – 2019 Alberta Edition*

Available at <https://nrc.canada.ca/en/certifications-evaluations-standards/codes-canada/codes-canada-publications>

Alberta Health and Safety Requirements

- *Labour Relations Code* (RSA 2000, c. L-1)

Available at <https://www.alberta.ca/labour-relations-legislation.aspx>

- *Occupational Health and Safety Act* (SA 2017, c. O-2.1), Regulation, and Code

Available at <https://www.alberta.ca/ohs-act-regulation-code.aspx>

- *Education Act* (SA 2012, c. E-0.3)

Available at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/e00p3>

- *Teaching Profession Act* (RSA 2000, c. T-2)

Available at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/t02>

- Fact Sheet: Are Students and Volunteers Workers?

Available at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9781460142431>

Environmental and Product Requirements

Alberta Requirements

- *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (RSA 2000, c. E-12), Regulations, and Codes

Available at <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/e12#summary>

Canada Requirements

- *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (SC 1999, c. 33)
- *Hazardous Products Act* (RSC 1985, c. H-3)
- *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992* (SC 1992, c. 34) and Regulations
- *Canada Water Act* (RSC 1985, c. C-11)

Find official consolidated or updated federal acts at <https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/>.

Local Bylaws

Some municipalities have waste management and disposal bylaws that regulate wastes such as hazardous, prohibited, or restricted wastes. These bylaws will vary by jurisdiction. Contact local municipalities for more information.

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