

# ASSIST INFORMATION SHEET:

## Links to national, state and territory publications:

### Biological sciences safety

*This document provides links to websites that contain national and state specific support materials for compliance with health and safety legislation for procurement, handling and disposal of biological materials, animal ethics and licensing requirements, as well as Australian Standards and non-government organisations supporting biological science in schools.*

#### NATIONAL POLICY

Australian Government ComLaw 'Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999' Compilation active 1 July, 2015, ComLaw website

<https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2015C00422>

Safe Work Australia website <http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au> Search for model WHS Act, model WHS regulations, model Codes of Practice, licensing, biological hazards in the workplace, exposure to biological hazards, microbiology and use of animals and other Safe Work Australia publications.

Safe Work Australia 'Exposure to biological hazards and the provision of biological hazard controls in Australian workplaces', March 2011,

[http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Documents/571/NHEWS\\_BiologicalMaterials.pdf](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Documents/571/NHEWS_BiologicalMaterials.pdf)

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission 'Diseases acquired from animals', December 1989, Safe Work Australia website

[http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Documents/125/DiseasesAcquiredFromAnimals\\_NOHSC\\_1989\\_ArchivePDF.pdf](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Documents/125/DiseasesAcquiredFromAnimals_NOHSC_1989_ArchivePDF.pdf)

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) website <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/> This is Australia's leading expert body promoting the development and maintenance of public and individual health standards. Search for guidelines and publications, animal research ethics, ethical issues, health issues such as lead exposure and health effects and asbestos related diseases.

NHMRC: 'Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes' 8<sup>th</sup> edition 2013, NHMRC website

[http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/files/nhmrc/publications/attachments/ea28\\_code\\_care\\_use\\_animals\\_131209.pdf](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/files/nhmrc/publications/attachments/ea28_code_care_use_animals_131209.pdf)

#### STATES/TERRITORIES

Suggested search terms for the links below include animal ethics, animal regulations, animals in schools, use and care of animals, biological activities, biological hazards, legislative acts and regulations, codes of practice, guides and reports.

## ACT

WorkSafe ACT <http://worksafe.act.gov.au/>

ACT Education and Training Directorate <http://www.det.act.gov.au/>

ACT Education and Training Directorate '**Care and use of animals in ACT schools**' 2009, Policy identifier CUAAS200906, ACT DET website

[http://www.det.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/65640/Care\\_and\\_Use\\_of\\_Animals\\_policy\\_updated.pdf](http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/65640/Care_and_Use_of_Animals_policy_updated.pdf)

ACT Education and Training Directorate '**The care and use of animals in ACT schools. Implementation guidelines 2009**' Edition 2, ACT DET website

[http://www.det.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/191815/DET\\_Care\\_Use\\_Of\\_Animals\\_2010.pdf](http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/191815/DET_Care_Use_Of_Animals_2010.pdf)

## NSW

NSW Department of Education and Communities '**Chemical Safety in Schools (CSIS)**' NSW DEC website <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/> Resource package contains information on the use of animals, use of human tissue in experiments, safe use of biological materials/organisms/tissues, microbiology, biogas and fermentation and disposal of biological waste. DET Intranet, login required.

NSW Department of Education and Communities '**Animals in schools**' NSW DEC website <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/animalsinschools/> Applicable to schools in all jurisdictions in NSW. (Accessed November 2015)

Animal Ethics Infolink website <http://www.animaethics.org.au/>. Developed by the Animal Research Review Panel and the NSW Department of Primary Industries – Animal Welfare Branch.

## NT

NT WorkSafe <http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au/>

NT Department of Education '**Animals in schools**' April 2013, NT Department of Education website <http://www.education.nt.gov.au/about-us/policies/documents/schools/animals-in-schools>.

NT Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries '**Animal Welfare**' April 2015 <http://www.animalwelfare.nt.gov.au/> NT Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries website. Use and welfare of animals in teaching and research.

## QLD

Workplace Health and Safety Qld: <http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/>

QLD Government, Department of Education, Training and Employment '**Animal ethics**' January 2015, Qld DETE website <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/area/science/qsac.html> Information on animal ethics and the care and use of animals in QLD schools.

## SA

SafeWork SA: <http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/>

South Australian Department for Education and Child Development November 2015, SA DECD website <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/>

Association of Independent Schools of South Australia '**Animal ethics**', AISSA website <http://www.ais.sa.edu.au/home/general-information/animal-ethics> (Accessed November 2015)

## TAS

WorkSafe TAS <http://worksafe.tas.gov.au/home>

TAS Government Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment:  
<http://dpiwpe.tas.gov.au/search?k=animal%20ethics> Animal ethics information and permits.

The Department of Education, Tasmania: <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/> Intranet login required.

## VIC

WorkSafe VIC: <http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/>

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Victoria '**School policy and advisory guide – Managing biological materials policy**' DEECD website, September 2014  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/biomat.aspx>

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Victoria '**School policy and advisory guide – Animals in schools policy**' DEECD website, September 2014  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/animals.aspx>

## WA

WA Department of Education <http://www.education.wa.edu.au/home/detcms/portal/> Information on animal ethics and the use and care of animals in Western Australian Schools.

WA Department of Education '**Animal ethics**', WA Department of Education website  
<http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculum-support/animal-ethics/detcms/portal/> (Accessed November 2015)

Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia '**Guidelines for the care and use of animals in Western Australian schools and agricultural and TAFEWA colleges**' March 2005, AIS WA website. <http://www.ais.wa.edu.au/images/member/animal-ethics-guidelines.pdf>

RSPCA Education '**Animal ethics in Western Australian classrooms**' May 2014, World of Animal Welfare website <http://www.woaw.org.au/teachers/animal-ethics-wa-classrooms/>

WA Department of Parks and Wildlife '**Animals**', DPAW website  
<http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/animals> (Accessed November 2015)

## AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS (Need to be purchased from SAI Global)

[http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/results2.aspx?searchType=subject&publisher=AS&status=Current&OrderBy=Reference%20Number?utm\\_campaign=Infostore-SA-](http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/results2.aspx?searchType=subject&publisher=AS&status=Current&OrderBy=Reference%20Number?utm_campaign=Infostore-SA-)

Click on **blue underlined** Standards web address to view cost and preview index

AS/NZS 2243.3:2010 Safety in laboratories - Microbiological safety and containment  
<http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/Details.aspx?ProductID=1430097>

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