

Regulations for Sanitarians Inspecting Schools



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Need for Regulatory Change

- Rabid bats found multiple times/yr by children at schools
- Some school administrators – had bats at school for years, and never knew that it was a concern
- A.A.C., R9-8-710

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Office of Administrative Counsel and Rules

Bats on Public School Premises Rulemaking

The Department is in the process of amending rules contained in Arizona Administrative Code Title 9, Chapter 8, Article 7 to require public schools to keep school premises free of roosting bats. The purpose of this page is to provide information related to the rulemaking, including timelines and updates.

Please contact Elizabeth Roig, Senior Rules Analyst, at 602-364-3959 or roige@azdhs.gov if you have any questions regarding this rulemaking project.

You may access the most current information by clicking on the Word or PDF files below. In order to download the PDF files [Acrobat Reader](#)[™] is required.

Rulemaking Timeline

Timeline Updated 1/28/09

[\[WORD 27K\]](#)

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Rulemaking Updates

January 28, 2009 Update

[\[WORD 33K\]](#)

[\[PDF 13K\]](#)

December 1, 2008 Update

[\[WORD 34K\]](#)

[\[PDF 16K\]](#)

September 29, 2008 Update

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August 11, 2008 Update

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Notice of Public Information NEW!

[Arizona Administrative Register, February 6, 2009 \(15 AAR 379\)](#)

Proposed Rules

[Arizona Administrative Register, November 28, 2008 \(14 AAR 4382\)](#)

Rule Revision Stalled

■ Governor Jan Brewer- when took office

January 28, 2009

Update for Public Schools Rules (Bats on Public School Premises) (9 A.A.C. Chapter 8, Article 7)

Due to the [Governor's Memorandum](#), Regulatory Review Plan, dated January 22, 2009, and published in the Arizona Administrative Register, 15 A.A.R. 4, page 241, this rulemaking has been withdrawn from the Secretary of State's Office.

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NOTICES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Notices of Public Information contain corrections that agencies wish to make to their notices of rulemaking; miscellaneous rule-making information that does not fit into any other category of notice; and other types of information required by statute to be published in the *Register*. Because of the variety of material that is contained in a Notice of Public Information, the Office of the Secretary of State has not established a specific format for these notices.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

[M09-19]

TO: State Agency Directors and Acting Directors
FROM: Janice K. Brewer
Governor
SUBJECT: Regulatory Review Plan
DATE: January 22, 2009

In order to ensure that my appointees have the opportunity to review any new or pending rules, I am asking that you immediately take the following steps, subject to the exception process as described in paragraph 9:

1. Send no proposed or final rule to the Secretary of State for the publication in the Arizona Administrative Register.
2. File no notice of proposed rule making with the Secretary of State or begin or continue any activities in preparation for the rule making, including informal rule making activities.
3. With respect to proposed rules that have been sent to the Secretary of State but not published in the Arizona Administrative Register, withdraw them from the Secretary of State.
4. With respect to proposed rules that are final but have not been submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) for approval, postpone filing the rules with GRRC.
5. With respect to proposed rules that have been submitted to the GRRC for approval, postpone filing rules approved by

August, 2008

Informal public comment

September, 2008

Revising rules in response to informal public comment

October, 2008

Informal public comment

November 28, 2008

Revised Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*

November 28, 2008

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*

January 5, 2009

Oral Proceeding

January 22, 2009

Rulemaking suspended per [Governor's Memorandum](#), Regulatory Review Plan

To Be Determined
After April 30, 2009

Notice of Final Rulemaking submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council

To Be Determined
After April 30, 2009

Governor's Regulatory Review Council Meeting

To Be Determined
After April 30, 2009

Rules effective

Bats at Schools

- Environmental sanitarians encouraged to check for presence of roosting bats during inspection
- regulation changes still being sought by state officials to include during inspection (with rodents, insects, etc.)
- Workshop 2008- AzGFD presented on how to look for roosting bats



Outreach to Schools in Arizona



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Prevention – 3 Prongs

- Educating children to not touch bats or other wildlife and to immediately report a bat found on the ground to an adult
- Informing school staff on what to do if a bat is found on the ground
- Decreasing the chance of bats being found on school grounds by:
 - informing school officials on the importance of discouraging bats from roosting in or on school buildings
 - implementing training for county environmental health sanitarians to inspect schools to identify the presence of roosting bats, and
 - providing resources to schools for what to do if a bat colony is on school grounds


Bats and Rabies at Schools

- Poster
- <http://www.azdhs.gov/batsatschools/>
- Video- to show children complete (& Spanish version)
- Longer video for school administrators- once completed & reviewed by CDC will be posted
- Link for MCACC comic books
- Link for "Batty about Bats"- IPM for bats, very useful for schools

Teaching Children about Bats

Children need to be shown what a real bat looks like, since most people have only seen bats either in cartoons or flying in the air from a distance at dusk. When a bat is on the ground, it is difficult for both children and adults to recognize it as a bat, because the wings may be folded inward. Children should be taught to not touch a bat and to immediately tell an adult. Adults must learn the safe way of capturing a bat.



Please consider showing your children the [ADHS video "Bats and Rabies at Schools"](#) .



Please also consider posting the ADHS [children's educational poster on rabies](#) in your local school.

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control has created [several educational materials](#) related to pet care, dog bites, and rabies, including a comic book for children on bats in English and Spanish. Check out the ["My Friend Toby" Bat Bites comic book](#) [PDF] (also available in [Spanish](#) [PDF])



Bat on the Ground: Now what?

If a bat is found on the ground, cover it with a small box or other solid container. Gently slip a piece of cardboard between the ground and box and slide the bat into the box. Use leather gloves to prevent accidental contact between hands and the bat. Make sure that all seams are tightly sealed, because bats can fit through small crevices. Call your [local animal control agency](#). Assure that the bat is not within a child's or pet's reach.



Schools with Bat Colonies

If your school has a colony of bats roosting on school grounds, ADHS recommends calling the [regional Arizona Game & Fish Department \(AGFD\) office](#) to find a local AGFD Wildlife Service Licensee with expertise in bat exclusion.

The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office has created "Batty about Bats," an educational document on the biology of bats, integrated pest management (IPM) for bats, and rabies prevention. The IPM portion of this document includes steps that schools can implement to discourage bats from roosting on the outside of buildings. However, removal and/or exclusion of bats from the interior of a building or structure should be conducted by an AGFD Wildlife Service Licensee. For more information about IPM related to bats, please view "Batty about Bats" on the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension webpage:

<http://cals.arizona.edu/pubs/insects/az1456.pdf>

ADHS is working on draft rules to address the problem of bats roosting on school premises. The rules for pest control in public schools can be found in Arizona Administrative Code Title 9, Chapter 8, Article 7 (R9-8-710). The statutory authority for the Department's public schools rules can be found in A.R.S. § 36-136(H)(9). The

National Video

- Child's version- ADHS funds
- Funding made available via CDC from World Rabies Day Run during Rabies in the Americas (RITA), held 9/28/08, Atlanta
- Rabies survivor also raised funds



Runners take off during the Run for Rabies hosted by the student chapter of the AVMA at Kansas State University.

Video for Schools

- 5 min segment for children on what to do if find bat; also in Spanish for children
- 5-10 min segment for adults on what to do if bat found at school, how to look for presence of roosting bats
- DVD/VHS copies once complete
- *Show video for children*

Show Video for Adults



World Rabies Day

September 8, 2007

Poster Contest for
Arizona School Children



Office of Infectious Disease Services



Awards for Children



Awards for Children



Prevent RABIES



WARNING



Do Not touch Wild

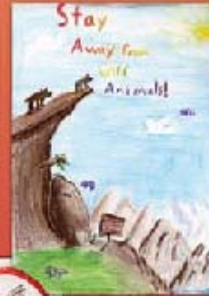


Vaccinate your Pets

Warning Do not touch a bat



Bat/Wild animals Don't touch me OR I WILL BITE



Please view the "Bats and Rabies at Schools" Video at: www.azdhs.gov/batsatschools

Services



Arizona Department of Health Services

