

**University of Delaware**  
**Environmental Health and Safety Protocol**

**Section:** General Health and Safety  
**Protocol Name:** Latex Balloon Policy  
**Origination Date:** December 2013  
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**I. SCOPE OF PROTOCOL**

This protocol addresses the use of latex balloons and applies to all University personnel, contract personnel, and visitors in applicable University facilities and/or University operations.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

A. N/A

**III. PROTOCOL STATEMENT**

A. The University of Delaware prohibits the use of latex balloons within its buildings. This restriction is necessitated by the fact that University students, faculty, staff, employees, and visitors may have extreme sensitivity to latex in the environment. This sensitivity can have severe consequences to the safety and health of the individual. Latex-free alternatives include balloons that are made of Mylar, vinyl, or plastic.

**IV. PROTOCOL STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES**

- A. Exceptions: At outdoor venues held at the University, latex balloons are permitted but discouraged due to potential sensitivities.
- B. Any violations of this protocol must be reported immediately to Environmental Health and Safety.
- C. It is recommended that students/staff who have latex allergies work with the Office of Disability Support Services to request accommodations.

For more information regarding this policy, contact the Department of Environmental Health and Safety 302-831-8475.