

## **LATEX POLICY**

Type: University

Category: Public Health

Administrator: Vice President for Human Resources and University Counsel

Manager: Human Resources Manager

## **Purpose**

To minimize exposure to latex allergens on campus by prohibiting the use of latex gloves and balloons, promoting awareness through education, and implementing protective measures to ensure the safety of individuals with latex sensitivities or allergies.

## Scope

This policy applies to Viterbo University employees, students, contractors, and visitors.

## **Policy**

Viterbo University has established the following policy regarding the use of latex on campus.

- 1. Use of latex gloves is prohibited.
- 2. Use or display of latex balloons is prohibited.
- 3. Educational material on latex allergies will be provided to students/employees on an annual basis.
- 4. If necessary, employees will be shown proper skin protection techniques for working with students who are sensitive or allergic to latex.
- 5. Identify existing items on campus that contact latex.
- 6. As existing equipment is replaced, non-latex equipment will be purchased, if available. If non-latex materials are not available, skin contact precautions will be utilized with anyone who has a latex allergy or sensitivity.

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