

1. Title

Protection of Artificial Bodies of Water and Other Property

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Protection of Artificial Bodies of Water. Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Board of Regents by *Texas Education Code* Sections [51.202](#) and [51.204](#), in order to protect the safety and welfare of students, faculty, and staff and to protect the property, buildings, and facilities of the U. T. System and the institutions, it shall be unlawful for any person to enter, walk, run, lie, play, remain, or be in the water of any fountain or other artificial body of water, which is not designed and maintained for recreational or therapeutic purposes, located on property owned or controlled by the U. T. System or the institutions unless such person has the prior written permission of the Chancellor or president to enter, remain, or be in such water. It shall further be unlawful for any person to dump, throw, place, or cause any material, object, person, animal, trash, waste, or debris to be placed in such fountain or other artificial body of water.

Sec. 2 Protection of Other Property. It shall be unlawful for any person to damage, deface, or remove any portion of any fountain, monument, building, statue, structure, facility, tree, shrub, or memorial located on property owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions.

Sec. 3 Punishment. Any person who violates any provision of this Subsection may be convicted of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$200. Students, faculty, or staff who violates any portion of this Rule are also subject to disciplinary action.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations; Penalty

Texas Education Code [Section 51.204](#) – Trespass, Damage, etc.

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students
Police Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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