

# Reptile Rules

## for Employees

**Wash** your hands thoroughly after you handle reptiles, their food or anything they have touched.

**Cage** reptiles in designated habitats; don't let them roam around the store.

**Keep** reptiles out of food preparation areas.

**Don't** nuzzle or kiss them.

**Clean** and sanitize reptiles' habitats often.

**Keep** reptiles away from children under 1 year of age or people with weakened immune systems. Children under 5 should handle reptiles only with adult supervision. Always remind them to wash their hands afterwards.

**Educate** your customers on safely handling their pet reptiles.

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Reptiles carry *Salmonella* bacteria which can make people sick. In Washington state, recent cases of *Salmonella* have been traced to the handling of pet turtles, lizards, and snakes. To reduce your chance of infection and to protect others, follow these tips when handling any reptile. Be safe. Play by the rules!



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