

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF LANDSPITALI

Purpose

The purpose of the environmental policy is to chart a course for a more environmentally friendly Landspítali.

Landspítali is the National hospital, the centre for health, sciences and a safety net owned by and operated for the benefit of the nation. This diverse field of operation has an extensive impact on people and the environment. It is of great importance to Landspítali that the impact is as positive as possible, thereby playing its part for a better community in the present and for the future.

Vision

Landspítali is a role model for environmental issues and employs social responsibility as a guiding principle in decisions and in daily work.

Values

We care for the environment, make every effort to ensure that our operations are environmentally friendly and continuously seek ways to do better.

We keep professionalism in the forefront in our environmental work and rely on Icelandic and overseas evidence-based knowledge.

Safety is of paramount importance in our operations, and we go further than laws and regulations in the field of environmental issues require.

We are a driving force for progress in Icelandic society and that has its future wellbeing as a guiding light.

Principles and focus areas

Prioritisation

The focus is on the aspects of the operation that have the greatest impact on the environment and provide the best opportunities to improve the environment, economy and health. For these reasons, Landspítali intends to:

- design and organise environmentally friendly buildings for the future.
- reduce waste and increase recycling and reuse.
- reduce wastage in high-volume goods, such as disposable goods and food.
- purchase goods and services that fulfil the primary function and have the least environmental impact and the lowest life-cycle cost.
- keep environmental impact to a minimum as regards the use of hazardous chemicals, medicines and medicinal gases.
- encourage green and healthy options in travel and transportation on behalf of the hospital.
- use clean energy and water and use it carefully.
- strengthen awareness of environmental issues through the dissemination of information, education and co-operation with stakeholders.

Simplicity

Environmentally sound solutions in daily activities are simple and accessible, well presented and developed in good co-operation with employees and other stakeholders within and outside the hospital.

Follow up

Environmental issues at Landspítali are tackled in an organised manner, procedures are documented in a quality manual and achieve a certified environmental management system according to ISO 14001. The policy and environmental program are reviewed and updated on a regular basis by the executive committee and followed up by the environmental committee. The environmental performance is measured, and information disseminated to employees and other stakeholders.