Alaska

**Overall Ranking: Bottom Tier**

### Alaska Research Facility Protection Law

Alaska does not have a specific law designed to protect research facilities.

### Alaska Animal Cruelty Law

**ALASKA STAT. § 11.61.140 (2010). Cruelty to animals.**

(c) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the conduct of the defendant

1. was part of scientific research governed by accepted standards;
2. constituted the humane destruction of an animal;
3. conformed to accepted veterinary or animal husbandry practices;
4. was necessarily incidental to lawful fishing, hunting or trapping activities;
5. conformed to professionally accepted training and discipline standards.
**Alaska Public Records Act**

*Does not contain a specific exemption for research records.*

**ALASKA STAT. § 40.25.110 (2010). Public records open to inspection and copying; fees.**

(a) Unless specifically provided otherwise, the public records of all public agencies are open to inspection by the public under reasonable rules during regular office hours. The public officer having the custody of public records shall give on request and payment of the fee established under this section or AS 40.25.115 a certified copy of the public record.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee for copying public records may not exceed the standard unit cost of duplication established by the public agency.

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(f) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the contrary, the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska may establish reasonable fees for the inspection and copying of public records, including record searches.

**ALASKA STAT. § 40.25.120 (2010). Public records; exceptions; certified copies.**

(a) Every person has a right to inspect a public record in the state, including public records in recorders' offices, except ...

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(3) medical and related public health records;

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(12) records that are 

(A) proprietary, privileged, or a trade secret in accordance with AS 43.90.150 or 43.90.220(e);

(B) applications that are received under AS 43.90 until notice is published under AS 43.90.160.

(b) Every public officer having the custody of records not included in the exceptions shall permit the inspection, and give on demand and on payment of the fees under AS 40.25.110-40.25.115 a certified copy of the record, and the copy shall in all cases be evidence of the original.
ALASKA STAT. § 40.25.125 (2010). Enforcement: Injunctive relief

A person having custody or control of a public record who denies, obstructs, or attempts to obstruct, or a person not having custody or control who aids or abets another person in denying, obstructing, or attempting to obstruct, the inspection of a public record subject to inspection under AS 40.25.110 or 40.25.120 may be enjoined by the superior court from denying, obstructing, or attempting to obstruct, the inspection of public records subject to inspection under AS 40.25.110 or 40.25.120. A person may seek injunctive relief under this section without exhausting the person's remedies under AS 40.25.123 - 40.25.124.

Alaska Harassment Law

ALASKA STAT. § 11.61.120 (2010). Harassment in the second degree.

(a) A person commits the crime of harassment in the second degree if, with intent to harass or annoy another person, that person

(1) insults, taunts, or challenges another person in a manner likely to provoke an immediate violent response;

(2) telephones another and fails to terminate the connection with intent to impair the ability of that person to place or receive telephone calls;

(3) makes repeated telephone calls at extremely inconvenient hours;

(4) makes an anonymous or obscene telephone call, an obscene electronic communication, or a telephone call or electronic communication that threatens physical injury or sexual contact;

(5) subjects another person to offensive physical contact; or

(6) publishes or distributes electronic or printed photographs, pictures, or films that show the genitals, anus, or female breast of the other person or show that person engaged in a sexual act.

(b) Harassment in the second degree is a class B misdemeanor.

Other

ALASKA STAT. § 11.61.110 (2010). Disorderly conduct.

(a) A person commits the crime of disorderly conduct if,
(1) with intent to disturb the peace and privacy of another not physically on the same premises or with reckless disregard that the conduct is having that effect after being informed that it is having that effect, the person makes unreasonably loud noise;

(2) in a public place or in a private place of another without consent, and with intent to disturb the peace and privacy of another or with reckless disregard that the conduct is having that effect after being informed that it is having that effect, the person makes unreasonably loud noise;

(3) in a public place, when a crime has occurred, the person refuses to comply with a lawful order of a peace officer to disperse;

(4) in a private place, the person refuses to comply with an order of a peace officer to leave premises in which the person has neither a right of possession nor the express invitation to remain of a person having a right of possession;

(5) in a public or private place, the person challenges another to fight or engages in fighting other than in self-defense;

(6) the person recklessly creates a hazardous condition for others by an act which has no legal justification or excuse; or

(7) the offender intentionally exposes the offender's buttock or anus to another with reckless disregard for the offensive or insulting effect the act may have on that person.

(b) As used in this section, “noise” is “unreasonably loud” if, considering the nature and purpose of the defendant's conduct and the circumstances known to the defendant, including the nature of the location and the time of day or night, the conduct involves a gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a reasonable person would follow in the same situation. “Noise” does not include speech that is constitutionally protected.

(c) Disorderly conduct is a class B misdemeanor and is punishable as authorized in AS 12.55 except that a sentence of imprisonment, if imposed, shall be for a definite term of not more than 10 days.

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