

**8A.322 Buildings and grounds — services — public use — pistols or revolvers.**

1. The director shall provide necessary lighting, fuel, and water services for the state laboratories facility in Ankeny and for the state buildings and grounds located at the seat of government, except the buildings and grounds referred to in [section 216B.3, subsection 6](#).

2. Except for buildings and grounds described in [section 216B.3, subsection 6](#); [section 2.43, subsection 1](#); and any buildings under the custody and control of the Iowa public employees' retirement system, the director shall assign office space at the capitol, other state buildings, and elsewhere in the city of Des Moines, and the state laboratories facility in Ankeny, for all executive and judicial state agencies. Assignments may be changed at any time. The various officers to whom rooms have been so assigned may control the same while the assignment to them is in force. Official apartments shall be used only for the purpose of conducting the business of the state. The term “capitol” or “capitol building” as used in the Code shall be descriptive of all buildings upon the capitol grounds. The capitol building itself is reserved for the operations of the general assembly and the governor, and, for ceremonial purposes, for the courts. The assignment and use of physical facilities for the general assembly shall be pursuant to [section 2.43](#).

3. The director shall establish, publish, and enforce rules regulating and restricting the use by the public of the capitol buildings and grounds and of the state laboratories facility in Ankeny. The rules when established shall be posted in conspicuous places about the capitol buildings and grounds and the state laboratories facility, as applicable. Any person violating any rule, except a parking regulation, shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor. The rules shall prohibit a person, other than a peace officer, from openly carrying a pistol or revolver in the capitol building and on the grounds surrounding the capitol building including state parking lots and parking garages. However, [this subsection](#) shall not be construed to allow the director to prohibit the lawful carrying, transportation, or possession of any pistol or revolver in the capitol building and on the grounds surrounding the capitol building including state parking lots and parking garages by any person regardless of whether the person has a valid permit to carry weapons.

[2003 Acts, ch 145, §37](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1101, §8](#); [2017 Acts, ch 69, §33](#); [2017 Acts, ch 170, §21](#); [2021 Acts, ch 35, §6](#)