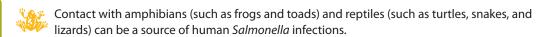
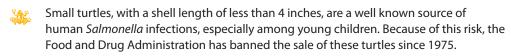
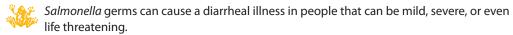
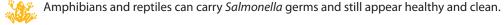
After you touch amphibians or reptiles, wash your hands so you don't get sick!











Salmonella germs are shed in their droppings and can easily contaminate their bodies and anything in areas where these animals live.

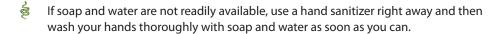
Reptiles and amphibians that live in tanks or aquariums can contaminate the water with germs, which can spread to people.

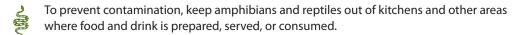




Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water right after touching or feeding amphibians or reptiles, anything in the area where they live and roam, or water from their housing or habitats.

Adults should supervise hand washing for young children.





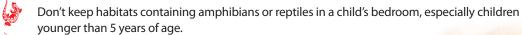
Tanks, feed or water containers, and any other equipment or materials used when raising or caring for amphibians and reptiles should be cleaned outside the house. Be aware that the equipment and materials, including the tank water, can be contaminated with Salmonella and other germs.

Don't:

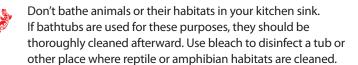


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Don't let children younger than 5 years of age, older adults, or people with weak immune systems handle or touch amphibians or reptiles.







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