

EMERGENCY RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOLS WITHOUT A SCHOOL NURSE

Standard 17: "The school nurse participates in the development of an emergency plan that is communicated to the school community" (ANA & NASN, 2011, p. 70).

RESOURCES:

- CPR and Heimlich (Abdominal Thrust) instruction posters
- Emergency Care Plans for students with special healthcare needs developed by the school nurse
- Emergency contact and health information for students and staff
- First Aid/CPR/AED instruction book
- List of First Aid/CPR/AED trained staff
- List of important local emergency telephone numbers including police, fire department, EMS, poison control center, and school district emergency numbers (laminated)
- School wide emergency operations response plan

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:

- Ace bandage(s)
- Alcohol wipes
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) – including batteries, pads (adult/peds), cabinet for storage, and plan for maintenance
- Band-Aids – various sizes, latex free
- Biohazard waste bags
- Blunt scissors
- Cell phone and/or two-way radio
- Clock with second hand
- Disposable blankets
- Emergency equipment, supplies and medications for students with special healthcare needs (provided by parents)
- Eye irrigation
- Eye pads
- Eye protection (e.g., full peripheral glasses, goggles, face shield)
- First aid tape – various sizes, latex free
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Form or method (ie., pen/paper) for documentation of assessment, triage and treatment/interventions
- Hand sanitizer and/or hand soap
- Ice and/or disposable instant-activating ice packs
- Keys to access first aid supplies (if locked)
- Latex free gloves
- Normal saline
- One-way resuscitation mask
- Re-sealable plastic bags
- Sharps container
- Source of quick acting glucose (e.g., 3 – 4 glucose tablets, 1 tube glucose gel, 4 oz fruit juice, 6 oz soda [not low calorie or reduced sugar])
- Splints
- Triage tags (Multi-casualty triage)
- Variety of bandages

EMERGENCY RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOLS WITH A SCHOOL NURSE (IN ADDITION)

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EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:

- Ambu bag with various mask sizes (Adult/Peds)
 - Back board with restraints *
 - C-spine collar; Immobilizer of different sizes *
 - Emergency Medications that may be part of the school emergency response plan (e.g., Albuterol, Epinephrine auto-injector, Oxygen) **
 - Form or method (ie., pen/paper) for documentation of assessment, triage and treatment/interventions
 - School Nurse/First Aid Providers Identification (e.g., vest, wearable device)
 - Sphygmomanometers and blood pressure cuffs in pediatric, adult, and adult large sizes
 - Stethoscope
 - Suction equipment (minimal source, does not have to be electric, e.g., bulb suction or v-vac type device)
- * Training necessary for safe usage.
 ** All medications included should be provided in accordance with school board policy, state laws for pharmacy and nurse practice acts.

OTHER RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES:

- Back-up generator
- Cooler for off-site use (e.g., field trips, etc)
- Extension cord(s)
- Go-Bag, backpack, duffel or wheeled suitcase (portable) to carry emergency equipment off-site if needed
- Suction machine
- Wheelchair

CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Develop a coordinated and practiced medical emergency response plan with the school nurse, school staff, medical advisory/director, and EMS system. Include appropriate evaluation and quality improvement.
2. Maintain and inspect all equipment and supplies at appropriate intervals.
3. Place all general emergency equipment in an un-locked office or cabinet to expedite emergency care.
4. Clearly mark the location of emergency equipment and supplies on the school site floor plans.

"...the school nurse contributes to safeguarding the environment by participating in the development and implementation of emergency and disaster preparedness plans"
 (ANA & NASN, 2011, p. 10).

