

## Accidents and Injuries: Emergency Care

### A. Generally

#### School Personnel:

- Shall render emergency care only to pupils who are injured at school. Pupils who are injured at home or in areas for which the school is not responsible shall not be treated by school personnel.
- Shall proceed on the assumption of maximum disability in the event the severity of an injury cannot be determined.
- Shall see that first-aid kits are handily available when pupils are conducted on field trips.
- Shall under no circumstances stipulate or imply to anyone that they or the school are responsible or liable for an accident. Responsibility or cause and payment of doctor bills are to be decided by the insurance carrier.
- Shall notify the parent before a physician is contacted except in cases of extreme emergency. This must be a matter of judgment. The decision to contact a physician immediately should be made if it is in best interest of the pupil.

### B. Christian Science Exemptions

If the parents of the pupil have filed a Christian Science Exemption card with the school the following procedure should be followed:

1. Minor injuries, such as small cuts and abrasions, should be washed with plain bar soap and water only.
2. If the injury requires more than the above, the parents should be contacted. No additional first aid should be given.
3. If the parents cannot be located and the injury is serious, the Christian Science Practitioner should be called.
4. In the event of hemorrhage, poison, or cessation of breathing, school personnel are required to render appropriate first aid and a physician should be contacted.
5. School personnel are authorized and must take whatever measures are necessary to save the life of the child. In all other cases, however, nothing should be done except as indicated by the parent or practitioner.

C. Accidents and Injuries - Reporting

Any injury which occurs on a school bus, in the school building or on the school grounds must be immediately reported to the principal. This is essential for medical and insurance purposes.

The principal will report serious injuries to the superintendent's office.

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