

First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

The Superintendent shall establish and implement procedures for handling accidents and injuries, which shall make clear the responsibilities of various school personnel. They shall be based on “Recommended Procedures for Emergency Care,” “Guidelines for Managing School Emergencies” and other documents included in the Maine Department of Education SCHOOL HEALTH MANUAL. Also, there shall be a system for accident reporting, for maintaining emergency health and contact information on each student, and the designation and first-aid training of appropriate individuals in the schools.

In emergency situations involving accident or illness, employees shall be reasonably expected to render first-aid and life-sustaining care to the extent of their knowledge and training, and to seek assistance of school medical personnel or other staff members more knowledgeable than themselves and emergency medical resources (including ambulance) available in the community.

Notwithstanding any other provision of any public or private and special law, any nonlicensed agent or employee of a school or school administrative unit who renders first aid, emergency treatment or rescue assistance to a student during a school program may not be held liable for injuries alleged to have been sustained by that student or for the death of that student alleged to have occurred as a result of an act or omission in rendering such aid, treatment or assistance. This subsection does not apply to injuries or death caused willfully, wantonly or recklessly or by gross negligence on the part of the agent or employee. 20-A M.R.S.A. § 4009(4)

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. § 4009

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