

Basic Health & Safety #3

DSP Core Curriculum Requirement

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Principles for Supporting People With Developmental Disability

- Safety
- Privacy
- Dignity
- Communication
- Infection Control
- Independence

Documentation

- Documentation: Video Segment
- Daily logs

Participant Injury / Accident Reporting Procedure

The Procedure gives direction for the following:

- Participant Emergencies
- Participant Non-Emergencies
- Participant Accident without Injuries
- Participant Accident with Injuries
- Injuries of Unknown Origin (Participants living at Green-Field only)
- Injuries related to Participant on Participant Behavior Incidents

Injury / Accident Reporting

Example #1

- Staff Person: Jose, Job Coach
- **This morning at approximately 8:00am Jose was observing Jerry, Mike and Jenny's performance on a new cleaning job that was assigned to them in the Founder's Building. For no apparent reason, Jerry fell backwards and appeared to be disoriented for a few minutes and then confused about what happened. Even though there were no apparent injuries, Jose contacted the nurse who came and took Jerry's vital signs. Jerry is a Commuter.**

Injury / Accident Reporting

Example #2

- Staff Person: You, DSP
- **This past Saturday at approximately 8:00pm, I took Participants from House #1 (Matt, Jimmy, Susan and Mike) to the theater to watch a movie. As we were walking toward our seats, Matt tripped on a step and fell to his knees. Matt said he wasn't hurt and there were no apparent injuries. Although Matt said he was "ok", I took him into the men's room and checked his knees (no redness or marks) and told him to make sure he reports to me if he feels any pain.**

Injury / Accident Reporting

Example #3

- Staff Person: Susan, QMRP
- **After breakfast this morning (7:30am), while Vicky was sitting at the table, Susan noticed she (Vicky) cut her left forefinger while opening her mail. Susan checked Vicky and saw she had a ½ inch long cut that was bleeding. Susan cleaned the injury with soap and water, applied some triple antibiotic ointment and helped her put on a band-aid. Vicky lives in the Stone Apartment Building.**

Injury / Accident Reporting

Example #4

- Staff Person: Mitch, DSP
- **When John was getting his towel for his bath, Mitch noticed a red abrasion on the top of his head. The abrasion was ½ inch long and had a small amount of dry blood on it. Mitch asked John what happened to his head and John reported that on his way back to Green-Field from the bus stop (today at approximately 2:55pm) he ran into the dumpster and hit his head. Mitch checked the cut and then called the nurse to examine him. Meanwhile, Mitch counseled John about being careful when ambulating around the dumpster and reporting injuries to staff as soon as they occur.**

Injury / Accident Reporting

Example #5

- Staff Person: Mary, DSP
- **Last night, Mary was assisting Sam with his bath and noticed two bruises on the left side of his back. The bruises were about 1/4 inch in size and yellow. Mary questioned Sam about how he got them and he told her he did not know how it happened, but remembers hurting his back the other day while he was in his room. Mary reported the injury to her supervisor, the nurse and the Participant's QMRP. Sam lives in Green-Field.**

Emergency Procedures

- Bomb Threat
- Missing Persons
- Severe Weather Conditions
- Tornado
- Flood

Environmental & Individual Safety: Cleaning Chemicals

- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Poisoning
- Dangerous chemicals: Ammonia, Bleach, Acetone, Gas, Solvents, etc.

Guideline for Handling Chemicals

- Make sure chemicals are in correctly labeled containers.
- Always ensure adequate ventilation.
- Don't mix chemicals.
- Dispose of used chemicals properly.
- Store the chemicals in a secured place with dry chemicals above and liquid chemicals below.

Fire Safety

- Video
- R.A.C.E.
- Evacuation considerations
- Safety Scenarios
- Fire Extinguisher: P.A.C.E

Seasonal Safety: Summer Issues

- Heat Exhaustion
- Heatstroke
- Heat Cramps
- Excessive sun exposure

Seasonal Safety: Winter Issues

- Preparing for severe weather
- Winter driving
- Hypothermia
- Frostbite