

Policy: **Medical Emergencies RESPONSE ON CAMPUS**
Responsible for Policy: Campus Safety, Student Health Services

Policy Number: _____
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Policy Statement

It is the policy of Finger Lakes Community College that Campus Safety personnel immediately respond to, assess, and coordinate the response of local emergency services to the scene of all medical emergencies occurring on the Main Campus in Canandaigua NY. Finger Lakes Community College employees will immediately seek local emergency services for medical emergencies occurring at our extension centers.

Reason for Policy

This policy is intended to ensure a rapid and effective response to any person on Finger Lakes Community College property in need of medical assistance or treatment, and to coordinate the response of emergency medical services to the location of the incident.

Applicability of the Policy

All college employees and students, should be familiar with this policy.

Definitions

Medical Emergency- The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) defines a medical emergency as “Any health or injury situation that threatens life or limb in such a manner that immediate medical care is needed to prevent death or serious impairment of health. A medical emergency includes severe pain, bad injury, a serious illness, or a medical condition that is quickly getting much worse.”

Examples of medical emergencies requiring a call to 9-1-1 immediately:

- Severe difficulty breathing, especially that does not improve with rest.
- Chest Pain
- A fast heartbeat (more than 120-150) at rest especially if associated with shortness of breath or feeling faint
- You witness someone faint/pass out or someone is unresponsive (comatose)
- Difficulty speaking, numbness, or weakness of any part of the body
- Sudden dizziness, weakness or mental changes (confusion, very odd behavior, difficulty walking)
- Sudden blindness or vision changes
- Heavy bleeding from your mouth, nose, vagina or bottom
- Bleeding from any wound that won't stop with direct pressure

- Broken bones visible through an open wound, or a broken leg
- Drowning
- Choking
- Severe Burns
- Allergic reaction, especially if there is any difficulty breathing
- Extremely hot or cold
- Poisoning or drug overdose
- New severe headache
- Sudden intense severe pain
- Anyone threatening to hurt or kill themselves or someone else

Related Documents

None

Medical Emergencies on Campus

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Community College Community reviews policies and procedures on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, the current policy on file ties together both medical emergencies on campus and medication protocols and should be written under two separate policies; and

WHEREAS, the College now has the capabilities of being dispatched through Ontario County 911 Call Center; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the offices of Student Health and Campus Safety have been modified to reflect the ability for 911 emergency response; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the adoption of the Medical Emergencies on Campus.

Approved by the FLCC Board of Trustees at the meeting on January 2, 2019

Date

Geoffrey Astles, Board Chair

Barbara R. Hamlin, Secretary of the Board

I do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Finger Lakes Community College sponsored by Ontario County at their regular meeting held on January 2, 2019, and entered in the minutes thereof. That said copy is a true and correct transcript of the whole of said resolution, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of January, 2019.

Janet Carabell, Assistant Secretary of the Board