

Health Emergency Assistance Policy

Policy Statement

In order to potentially save the life of a member of the public, staff or volunteer, the library provides voluntary training, equipment and supplies for staff members to respond on a voluntary basis while waiting for emergency medical services (EMS) providers to arrive as permitted by law^{1,2}.

Regulations

1. In the case of a medical emergency staff shall follow the standard emergency preparedness procedures. In general, the first course of action shall be to call 911.
2. Only a staff member who has received prior training within the past 3 years and is willing to take voluntary action may respond to a medical emergency that requires the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), “stop the bleed first aid kit” or administering naloxone (Narcan).
3. If a non-staff person offers to use the AED, a staff member shall inquire if the person has training or experience with the device. Upon satisfaction that the person is able and willing to employ the AED, the staff member may allow the person to use it. The standard incident reporting procedure shall be followed by the staff member responding to the incident.
4. Narcan maintained by the library shall never be given to a non-staff person for use on a person in distress. A non-staff person may apply their personal supply of Narcan or the personal supply of any other person present. The standard incident reporting procedure shall be followed by the staff member responding to the incident.
5. The library will not accept any responsibility for the results of the use of an AED device or Narcan by its staff members who have been trained and authorized to use them pursuant to the State of Michigan statutes that address such actions. The library will not accept any responsibility for the use of the AED device or use of a personal supply of Narcan by any non-staff person.
6. The library director or his/her designee shall be responsible for training, storage, inventorying and maintenance of the medical emergency equipment and supplies.

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¹ Michigan Liability of Certain Persons for Emergency Care Act, P.A. 17 of 1963.

² Michigan Public Health Act, P.A. 368 of 1978.