

EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

All schools should develop an emergency response plan.

AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:

- 16 V.S.A. Chapter 33 - Fire and Emergency Preparedness Drills
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=16&Chapter=033&Section=01481>
- Vermont School Quality Standards, Section 2120.8.2.3
http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/board/rules_fulltoc.html
- Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices - Rule 4102
http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/board/rules/4100_4200.pdf

REQUIRED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLE:

Be knowledgeable about the school nurse's role in an emergency.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

- Serve on the school's response committee (s) that develop, review, and evaluate emergency plans.
- Coordinate, in advance, procedures with EMS, physicians and hospital emergency room staff.
- Serve on community-wide planning groups that assess the school's ability to manage an emergency and determine emergency plans.
- Identify unique emergency preparedness needs for children with special needs.
- Survey staff members, identifying skills, training and capabilities.
- Be a resource to school and broader community.
- Plan in advance for student/staff needs during an emergency (healthcare needs, emergency medications, medical information and supplies).
- Provide triage, direct care and counseling to students, families, staff, and victims of the emergency until the commander of emergency services arrives.

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RESOURCES:

Doyle J & Loyacono, T. (2002). Disaster Preparedness Guidelines for School Nurses. Castle Rock, CO: National Association of School Nurses.

Maloney, P., Fitzgerald, S., Elam, K., & Doyle, J (2000). Managing School Emergencies III, Scarborough, ME: National Association of School Nurses.

National Association of School Nurses - position statement, School Nurse Role in Bioterrorism Emergency Preparedness and Response, 2005 <http://www.nasn.org/Default.aspx?tabid=194>

Romig, L (2002) Jump START pediatric multiple casualty incidents triage. Available at <http://www.jumpstarttriage.com/>

Vermont School Board Association –school crisis response <http://www.vtvsba.org/policy/e7.htm>

Vermont School Safety Review Checklist

http://www.doe.state.vt.us/new/pdfdoc/pgm_safeschools/pubs/safety_checklist_05.doc

Vermont Department of Health http://healthvermont.gov/e_ready.aspx

Vermont School Crisis Guide 2008

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/resources/model_policies/crisis_guide.html

Vermont Emergency Management

<http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/schoolcrisis/index.html>

Vermont School Safety Review Checklist

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Vermont Standards of Practice; School Health Services



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