

# **VALENTINE PUBLIC LIBRARY HEALTH EMERGENCIES POLICY**

## **1. Health Emergencies**

Staff members should exercise caution when administering first aid of even a minor nature because of the safety of the injured individual and the potential liability of the staff member. There are also real dangers, which can arise to the one attempting to administer aid. Without specialized training, it is not advisable for staff to undertake more than keeping the sick or injured patron comfortable and protected from needless disturbance until medical help can be obtained. Since each case is unique, staff members should use their own judgment to do what is prudent and reasonable.

Rescue Squad/police (911) should be called immediately in the event of any serious problem.

No medication, including aspirin, should ever be dispensed to the public.

## **2. Allergies**

Staff should be aware that people and especially children can have allergies to foods. Therefore, food and candy should not be dispensed without parental permission or personal knowledge of the child.

Parental permission should also be obtained when children will be receiving snacks during library activities.

If someone does present symptoms of an allergic reaction, immediately call 911 because their condition could deteriorate very rapidly.

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