

Emergency Procedures: Aquatic Activities

Medical Emergencies

If a medical emergency occurs with one or more children in the water, the staff member(s) who is in the water will help the child(ren), (calling on other staff if necessary) and provide the appropriate assistance. If the child is unconscious or is experiencing difficulty breathing, a staff member with training in first aid and CPR will follow appropriate rescue procedures and call on another staff member to call 911 or the local emergency services.

The children who are not involved in the medical emergency will be removed from the water and taken to a safe location away from the emergency.

If a staff member or volunteer experiences a medical emergency, the children will be removed from the water and taken to a safe location away from the emergency. The staff member attending to the emergency will then call the appropriate emergency services.

Chemical Emergencies

If a chemical spill occurs near the swimming area, children will be removed from the area and staff members will call 911 or the number for their local fire department. If a child or staff member comes into contact with the chemical spill, one staff member will call poison control and the children will be kept clear of the affected area.

Severe Weather

If inclement weather (thunder, lightning, rain) occurs while children are in the water, staff members will help children evacuate the area to a safe location indoors. Children will listen for the established sign that it is time to leave the water (whistle blowing).