



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

This clover safe note is intended primarily for 4-H volunteers and staff

#13 EMERGENCY PREPARATION AND RESPONSE GUIDELINE



Introduction

Although University of California 4-H YDP activities are planned and conducted to eliminate risk of injury to participants, unforeseen accidents periodically occur whereby injuries are sustained. When an injury occurs, 4-H YDP volunteers and staff need to be prepared to provide an appropriate emergency response to the type and extent of a participant's injury. This Clover Safe describes how to prepare for and respond to an injury emergency.

Emergency Preparation

4-H YDP volunteers and staff should be prepared for potential participant injuries by:

- Being capable of distinguishing between life threatening and non-life threatening injuries.
- Being competent to determine whether an injury requires immediate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) evacuation or other transportation in a passenger vehicle to a hospital or clinic.
- Knowing the location of and route to the nearest hospital or clinic.
- Having a telephone (cellular or land-line) to be able to immediately communicate with EMS. Dial 911, but remember that some phone systems require you to first dial an outside line.
- Maintaining a confidential youth or adult Medical Release Form for each participant in a 4-H event or activity.
- Knowing whether any participants have special medical conditions stated on the Medical Release Form (such as severe allergies or diabetes) that may require emergency medication or other assistance.

Primary Emergency Response

4-H YDP volunteers and staff should provide a primary emergency response as follows:

- Evaluate the situation and if a serious injury has occurred, contact EMS.
- Stabilize the situation.
- Evacuate other event participants if a serious hazard continues to exist.
- Provide basic first aid to the extent you are trained.

Secondary Emergency Response

4-H YDP volunteers and staff should provide secondary emergency response as follows:

- Once EMS has arrived, provide assistance as requested or needed.
- Act as a resource to EMS or responding agency (police, fire dept., etc.)
- Manage other 4-H members and/or event participants to prevent additional injuries.
- Report any injury to the 4-H member's parent/guardian/emergency contact.
- Report any injury and circumstances of the incident to their immediate supervisor and 4-H YDP staff.
- 4-H YDP staff will report any injury through their chain of command until an administrator such as the Cooperative Extension (CE) County Director, Regional Director, or State 4-H Director is notified.

Incident Reporting Procedures

- 4-H YDP volunteers or staff are not expected to conduct any investigation of a serious injury or incident. Any investigation will be conducted by the responding agency (police, fire, etc.) or directed by ANR Risk Services.
- 4-H YDP volunteers and/or staff will complete an Incident Report form for all injuries regardless of seriousness and submit the form to the CE/4-H county office and CE Director and/or 4-H staff within 48 hours of the incident. Incident Report forms are available from the CE county office or online at: <http://ucanr.edu/incidentreport>.
- CE county offices will keep a copy of the Incident Report and forward it to ANR Risk Services within two working days of the incident.
- Contact ANR Risk Services at (530) 752-7481 or ANR Environmental Health & Safety at (530) 752-6024 for help with the Incident Report form.