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## EMERGENCY FIRST AID AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT - AD-I-5

## POLICY:

Any client suffering a life threatening emergency shall promptly receive emergency first aid.

## PURPOSE:

To ensure immediate notification of Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) in the case of any life threatening emergency of airway, breathing and/or circulation.

To provide emergency first aid including basic life support until more qualified assistance arrives.

To ensure appropriate notification and follow-up in all incidents of life threatening emergencies of airway, breathing and/or circulation.

## PROCEDURE:

- Staff training shall be provided in basic life support. Staff have a responsibility to maintain current Emergency First Aid Certification if they are the designated First Aider for their workplace.
- 2. Emergency First Aid will be offered by the designated First Aiders at the worksite as required and as directed in the Canadian Red Cross Vital Link manual. A copy of which will be available in each worksite.
- 3. Any incident requiring basic life support shall be reported and documented as directed in the Incident Reporting and Follow-Up policy and procedure.



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NOTE: The Red Cross Basic Life Support CPR/AED Skills card and the Red Cross 'Vital Link' manual should be readily available in each work area.

**RECOMMENDED BY:** Director Client Services

**APPENDICES:** None

**OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY:** Administration, Finance, Human Resources, Client Services Administration, Client Services, Community Resource Team

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