



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Policy Manual

5.16 Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring a timely and effective response to unexpected health emergencies. Unexpected health emergency incidents can occur without warning and require immediate action to improve survival outcomes by providing critical intervention before emergency responders arrive. Ensuring that schools are equipped and prepared to respond to emergencies, enables school communities to focus on learning and well-being while increasing confidence and security. This policy ensures that life-saving first aid tools, including Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and naloxone kits are readily accessible and maintained in every school.

Guidelines

School District 19 will ensure:

- That appropriate staff have the proscribed training to support the use of these emergency devices
- That tools are clearly marked with standardized signage to support easy identification and use
- That emergency kits and devices are routinely inspected as per district, provincial, and manufacturer' guidelines and specifications
- Barrier-free access to accommodate diverse user needs
- That tools are presented in a non-stigmatizing manner to encourage comfortable and equitable use