



School District of Manatee County

School Health Services

Guidelines for Calling Emergency Medical Services

- 1) Signs/symptoms of a life threatening emergency occur:
 - *Child is unconscious, semi-conscious, or unusually confused
- 2) Breathing difficulty:
 - *Child's airway is blocked, child is not breathing, and child has shortness of breath or is choking
- 3) Circulation:
 - *Child has no pulse
 - *Child has sudden, severe pain anywhere in the body
- 4) Bleeding:
 - *Child has uncontrolled bleeding
 - *Child is coughing or vomiting blood
- 5) Neurological:
 - *Child has a seizure without a history (First time)
 - *Child (with a seizure history) has a seizure that is prolonged or atypical
 - *Loss of consciousness
- 6) Severe injury:
 - *Child has injuries to the neck or back
 - *Child has limb-threatening injuries (severe eye injuries, amputations, or other injuries that may leave the child permanently disabled unless he/she receives immediate care).
 - *Moving child could cause further injury
- 7) Child has been poisoned
- 8) Child needs the skills or equipment of paramedics or emergency medical technicians.
- 9) Distance or traffic conditions would cause a delay in getting the child to the hospital.
- 10) Other unusual or severe illness or injury

Reference: Emergency Guidelines for Schools, 2011, Florida Edition

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