

Subject: First Aid Procedures

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Sumter Behavioral Health Services offers CPR and first aid certification annually, and staff are expected to maintain their certification.

Safety Committee members check and maintain the agency’s first aid kits and spill kits, which are kept in the group rooms, staff break areas (kitchens), at the Women’s Residential Facility, and in all vehicles.

A. Eye Contact:

Wash the eye and inner surface of the eyelid with copious amounts of water for 15 minutes. Check for and remove contact lenses. Seek immediate medical attention.

B. Ingestion:

Consult the material safety data sheet (MSDS) or a chemical first aid manual or call the Poison Control Information Center at 1-800-222-1222. Follow directions and seek immediate medical attention.

C. Minor Skin Contact:

Flush the affected area with water and remove contaminated clothing. If symptoms persist after washing, seek medical attention.

D. Major Skin Contact:

If chemicals have been spilled over a large area of the body, quickly remove contaminated clothing while using the shower. Repeat if pain returns. Wash off chemicals using a mild detergent or soap and water; do not try to neutralize chemicals or apply salves. Seek medical attention immediately.

Consult the MSDS even if no immediate injury is apparent because the effects of some chemicals, such as hydrofluoric acid, may not become apparent until hours or days later. When clothing is on fire, help the individual to the floor and roll the person around to smother the flames. If a safety shower is readily accessible, douse the person with water (running to a remote shower will only fan the flames). Fire blankets primarily are used as

a first aid measure to prevent shock; using one on smoldering or burning clothing may direct flames toward the face.