

Trouves Health Care

TITLE:	MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	POLICY 14.01
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Authority: [RCW 18.20.030\(5\)\(a\), License required emergency service](#)
[WAC 388-78A-2120, Monitoring residents well-being](#)
[WAC 388-78A-2600, Policies and Procedures](#)

PURPOSE:

This policy establishes Trouves employee responsibility and expected response in case of a life threatening accident, injury or illness to any person on the grounds of Trouves Health Care. Emergency services are limited to Basic Life Support pending arrival of the Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Trouves Health Care employees, volunteers, visitors, and contractors.

DEFINITIONS:

Code Blue:

The term used when a person is not breathing and/or does not have a heartbeat.

DNAR:

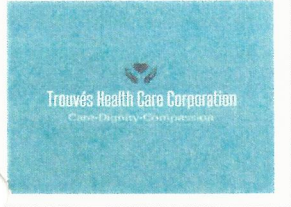
An order directing "Do Not Attempt Resuscitation."

POLICY:

- A. Trouves Health Care will provide trained personnel to manage medical emergencies on the facilities grounds.
- B. Employees will provide first aid measures and basic life support until the arrival of the Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrive.

PROCEDURE:

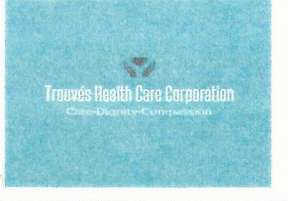
- A. When an emergency occurs, call the Reception Center at extension 1004 and:
 - 1. Request either an Emergency Response Team or a Code Blue to the stated location.



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- a. Code Blue is used when a person is not breathing and/or does not have a heartbeat (i.e., cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest or life-threatening major trauma).
- b. Emergency Response Team is called for all other emergencies.
- 2. Administer first aid (e.g., CPR, keep warm, stop bleeding, etc.) if you have had First Aid training. Staff untrained in first aid procedures will stay with the injured or sick individual until help arrives.
- B. The Shift Supervisor will call 911 when indicated and notify the Maintenance staff to assist the 911 vehicle in locating the emergency. Note: If the person requires only a non-emergent ambulance transport, dial 1004 and the Shift Supervisor will make the arrangements.
- C. When a DNAR order is in effect, call the Shift Supervisor. The Shift Supervisor will immediately notify the Chief Nursing Officer for direction.
- D. The Shift Supervisor will notify by radio or pager the following hospital employees:
 - 1. Assigned physicians;
 - 2. Medical Officer of the Day;
 - 3. Assigned Administrator of the Day (AOD); and
 - 4. Shift Manager;
- E. Emergency equipment will be brought from the nearest location to the emergency by nursing employees.
- F. Emergency measures, such as control of hemorrhage through pressure and/or



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tourniquet, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, if necessary, must be carried out immediately by qualified individuals. Simple minor injuries, lacerations, contusions, burns, etc., do not constitute emergencies.

EXCEPTIONS:

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

SUPERCEDES:

None