

IACUC's Emergency Response Procedures for Animal Researchers and Students

Minor Injuries

Minor injuries requiring medical attention may be treated at the University Health Center, Rhoades Hall.

The student health center is an ambulatory health care facility and is equipped to treat some *minor* urgent care issues.

We are NOT an emergency room but we CAN assist students in obtaining emergency services. PLEASE CALL 724-738-2052 to speak to a nurse. If you are uncertain as to whether or not an ambulance is necessary, a nurse is available for phone consultation 24/7 during the academic year.

Medical Emergencies

In case of **personal emergency**, follow the University's Personal Emergency Guidebook. For medical emergencies:

- **Immediately** contact University Police at **724-738-3333**
- **Do Not** move the victim unless in a life threatening situation
- **Do not** exceed your training
- Give your name, describe the nature and severity of the medical problem and the campus location
- Stay on the line to continue to provide information regarding the victim. Don't hang up until told to. Follow the instructions provided to you by the professional on the phone.
- Good Samaritan laws allow bystanders to provide emergency first aid to another.
- No individual is compelled to provide emergency first aid to another.
- Wait with victim until help arrives.
- If you do provide medical assistance, use universal precautions (gloves, eyeglasses, mouth guards, etc.) to protect yourself from contracting a blood-borne pathogen or other human or animal transmitted disease
- Keep the victim still and comfortable. **DO NOT MOVE THE VICTIM.**
- Check breathing and give CPR if necessary (and you are trained in performing CPR).
- Control serious bleeding by applying direct pressure to the wound.
- Look for emergency medical I.D. (bracelets, tags, necklaces), question any witness(es) and give all information to a medical response team.