



EMERGENCY ACTION PLANNING

School emergency plans should include an established set of action items that is implemented in the event of an emergency situation.

Access to a working telephone or other telecommunications device, whether fixed or mobile should be assured. The communications system should be checked prior to each event or practice to ensure proper working order.

Emergency Personnel

The emergency team consists of physicians, emergency medical technician, certified athletic trainers, coaches and managers.

Chain of Command

The attending or team physician has total control over the participation of any injured or ill athlete.

In the absence of the physician, the NATA Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) shall make any decision on an injured or ill player's participation.

In the absence of the ATC, the coach should use standard medical procedures and always taking into account the athlete's best interest.

Emergency Action

1. Immediate Care of the Athlete

- First and most important
- Acute care should be provided by most qualified individual

2. Emergency Equipment Retrieval

- Team member who is familiar with types and locations of equipment
- Team managers or assistant coaches good choice

3. Activation of Emergency Medical System

- When the situation is deemed an emergency of life threatening by qualified individual in the chain of command
- Any team member can call—this person should be calm under pressure and communicates well
- Head coach good choice

A. Making the Call

- 911

- # to local police, fire department, and ambulance service

B. Providing Information

- Name, address, telephone number of caller
- Condition of athlete(s)
- Directions to locate emergency scene

- Number of athletes
- First aid initiated by first responder
- Other information requested by dispatcher