



Unexpected Health Emergencies Policy

September 2025

Rationale: A timely and effective response to unexpected health emergencies is essential to ensuring a safe school environment. Unexpected health emergency incidents can occur without warning and require immediate action to improve survival outcomes by providing critical intervention before emergency responders arrive. Ensuring that schools are equipped and prepared to respond supports student and staff safety at school, enabling school communities to focus on learning and well-being while increasing confidence and security.

Policy: SAP Outdoor Association, Saplings Nature School's Board will establish, maintain and make publicly available a policy that supports responding to unexpected health emergencies in schools. This policy will be in compliance with WorkSafeBC requirements and will consider the specific needs and context of our school community.

An AED and a Naloxone kit will be readily accessible at our indoor school site as of September 2026. Each AED and naloxone kits will be kept in the Emergency supplies cupboard well out of reach of students. All staff will be made aware of this and will receive basic training in how to use the device and administer the medication should an emergency arise.

- Each of these tools will be clearly marked with standardized signage to support easy identification and use
- Administration will conducting routine inspections to ensure functionality and monitor expiry dates
- These will have barrier-free access to accommodate diverse user needs
- These tools will be presented in a non-stigmatizing manner to encourage comfortable and equitable use