

318 - CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

Background

The Division directs its employees to refrain from offering consent for medical treatment. However, students may require medical attention as a result of situations arising while the student is under the care of the Division.

Procedures

1. Where in the judgment of an employee it is necessary for a student to obtain the services of a medical practitioner/facility, and every reasonable attempt has been made to reach the parent(s), the employee shall:
 - 1.1 Arrange for the transportation of the student to a physician / medical facility;
 - 1.2 Arrange for his/her or another employee's attendance with the student at the physician's office / medical facility;
 - 1.3 Attend with the student until:
 - 1.3.1 Relieved by parent/legal guardian; or
 - 1.3.2 Relieved by another employee; or
 - 1.3.3 The student is discharged by the practitioner/facility; or
 - 1.3.4 Advised by a medical practitioner that there is no further need to remain and the safety of the student has been undertaken by the physician / medical facility.
 - 1.4 Upon arrival at the practitioner/facility, advise those in authority that he / she is not the parent/legal guardian of the student;
 - 1.5 Refrain from offering consent for medical treatment.
2. On those occasions where medical treatment is refused because of lack of valid consent, the employee shall:
 - 2.1 Defer to the opinion of the medical practitioner;
 - 2.2 Solicit advice from the medical practitioner as to appropriate courses of action;
 - 2.3 Advise the employee's supervisor of both the problem and the advice of the medical practitioner;
 - 2.4 Take such course of action as recommended by the medical practitioner and approved by the employee's supervisor.

but in any case the employee shall not provide consent to any treatment.

Reference: Section 60, 61, School Act