



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) that any inmate who suffers a serious, life-threatening injury or illness will receive immediate medical care.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the emergency care of inmates under the supervision of the AJ.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- G-203 Emergency Response

PROCEDURES.

A-1. Twenty-four hour emergency care is available for acute medical and psychiatric conditions through Saint Charles Medical Center (SCMC). Emergency dental care is available through local dental providers (licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Oregon) or the on-call dentist through SCMC Emergency Department (ED). Ambulance and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) service is provided by the City of Bend Fire Department.

Emergency Medical Care is the level of care required when a condition is perceived to be imminently life threatening, is beyond the care of an AJ nurse, or cannot be handled by telephone consultation with a doctor. Emergencies must be dealt with effectively and rapidly. Deputies will give initial first aid care. All deputies on duty will be Health Trained and current with CPR and First Aid training.

A-2. Emergency medical conditions include the following:

- a. Persons who are unconscious, or who appear to have possible head injuries.
- b. Persons who are suffering convulsions or seizures.
- c. Persons who have serious lacerations, puncture wounds, human or animal bites, or significant external bleeding.
- d. Persons who have obvious swelling, deformities, fractures, or discoloration indicating possible internal injuries or fractures.
- e. Persons who have signs of head, neck, spine or other severe injury or trauma.

- f. Persons who have signs of internal bleeding.
 - g. Persons complaining of severe abdominal pain.
 - h. Persons who appear to be severely confused or disoriented.
 - i. A person whose blood alcohol level exceeds .30%, or who is exhibiting symptoms of delirium tremens, or who is exhibiting symptoms of, "Severe alcohol withdrawal."
 - j. Pregnant women in labor.
 - k. Pregnant women with symptoms of vaginal bleeding, possible ruptured membranes, or severe headaches associated with blurred vision or cramping
 - l. Persons having severe difficulty breathing.
 - m. Persons having chest pain.
 - n. Persons experiencing severe pain.
 - o. Persons who attempt, or speak of attempting, suicide.
 - p. Persons with severe burns.
 - q. Persons with any other medical problem, which appears to require immediate medical care and/or is life threatening.
 - r. Persons needing CPR.
 - s. Persons who have ingested a large amount of alcohol or drugs.
 - t. Persons who have placed drugs or medication in any body cavity.
- A-3.** Members should be generally aware of the health of lodged inmates. It is important members appreciate a medical emergency can occur at any time. Members must be able to respond appropriately and with all due speed.
- A-4.** In the event an emergency medical condition or injury, members will follow this Emergency Medical Plan:
- a. Notify the Control Center via radio to obtain assistance from a nurse and call 9-1-1 Dispatch for Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
 - b. Notify the shift supervisor.
 - c. The Health Trained Deputy (HTD) will stay with the inmate and follow nursing instructions.
 - d. If the HTD is uncertain whether a medical emergency exists, notify a supervisor. The supervisor will contact the Medical Director (or designee) or Emergency Department personnel for direction.
 - e. An incident report will be prepared for all apparent or confirmed medical emergencies. Reports should include the response to the health care emergency, including the names of members involved, times and a complete narrative of the

circumstances. A copy of the incident report will be forwarded to the Medical Director for review.

- A-5.** A deputy will escort and provide security when an inmate is transferred to an external medical provider for a medical emergency.