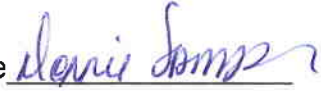


SUBJECT: **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**  
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**Purpose:**

To set guidelines that will assist employees to safely respond to emergencies outside the community clinic.

**Policy/Standard:**

Labrador-Grenfell Health employees, including Registered Nurses, will respond to emergencies. Registered Nurses are required to follow the policies and standards set out by the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) in emergency response.

**Materials Required:**

Employee Incident-Accident Form:

<http://lghealth/policies/files/EDTH-7-10-1Employee%20Incident-Accident.pdf>

Client Incident Report Form:

[http://lghealth/policies/files/FormPSQ-5-20-1\\_ClientIncidentReportFINAL\\_Blue\\_.pdf](http://lghealth/policies/files/FormPSQ-5-20-1_ClientIncidentReportFINAL_Blue_.pdf)

**Related Policies:**

Employee/Volunteer Incident Policy :

B-4-10

<http://lghealth/policies/files/B-4-10%20Incident%20Reporting.pdf>

Client Incident Reporting Policy:

PSQ-5-20

[http://lghealth/policies/files/PSQ-5-20\\_IncidentReportingPolicy.pdf](http://lghealth/policies/files/PSQ-5-20_IncidentReportingPolicy.pdf)

**Definitions:**

Unsafe situations may include but are not limited to:

- Any witnessed/perceived fighting/violence by the client/family/caregiver/occupant.

- Evidence that the client/family/caregiver/occupant is under the influence of alcohol or any prohibited substance and the registered nurse feels there is a threat to his/her safety.
- Any signs of verbal abuse directed towards the registered nurse or other responder.
- Any situation where a verbal/physical/sexual threat has been directed towards the registered nurse or other responder.
- Any situation where the physical structure of the home has potential risk of personal injury.

**Procedure:**

The Registered nurse will refer to procedure below (See Appendix A):

Collect information regarding the status of the client/s and the scene before organizing the response.

1. If the scene cannot be declared safe, the registered nurse will:
  - a) Contact the appropriate first responder/s such as RCMP, RNC, and PCP. etc.
  - b) Notify the community/ER physician that due to safety reasons, the Registered nurse did not visit the scene.
  - c) Notify his/her immediate supervisor and/or clinical nurse manager of the situation.
  - d) Respond to scene once the scene is declared safe by first responders.
  - e) Complete the appropriate incident report as outlined in the EDTH Policy and Procedure Manual, B-4-10 or the Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual, PSQ-5-20.
2. If the scene is deemed safe, the registered nurse will respond to the scene accompanied with the appropriate team members as well as the appropriate response equipment.

**References:**

ARNNL: Scope of Nursing Practice: Definition, Decision-Making & Delegation  
[https://www.arnnl.ca/sites/default/files/RD\\_Scope\\_of\\_Nursing\\_Practice.pdf](https://www.arnnl.ca/sites/default/files/RD_Scope_of_Nursing_Practice.pdf)

ARNNL Bylaws:  
[https://arnnl.ca/sites/default/files/RD\\_ARNNL\\_Bylaws\\_2015.pdf](https://arnnl.ca/sites/default/files/RD_ARNNL_Bylaws_2015.pdf)

Registered Nurses Act 2008:  
<http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/r09-1.htm#11>

**Appendix A:**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE – ASSESSING THE SCENE**

