

365-Medical Assistance for Patrons

1.0 Purpose

Patron of the William Shore Metropolitan Park District (District) recreation programs may suffer from allergic reactions or have medical conditions which require the administering of injections or medications. It is possible that District staff may be requested to administer medications or injections, particularly to minors.

2.0 Policy

District staff should refrain from administering shots or medications of any kind. The District position is that medications and injections should **only** be administered by healthcare professionals who are trained and licensed in the State of Washington.

Printed Policy Statement

Medical Assistance:

- **Our staff is not permitted to administer prescription or non-prescription medication to children.** This includes Tylenol, cough medicine, allergy medicine, suntan lotion, etc. If your child takes medication regularly or for a temporary condition, any medication must be in the original container and be clearly labeled with the child's name and description of medication, physician and dosage. The medication form is required and must be completed. Staff cannot hold medications.
- **Children must be in possession of their own medication and/or suntan lotion and must be able to administer it themselves.**

Giving "assisted injections or medications" should only be done in a life-threatening situation, by personnel certified to perform first aid and CPR. For all medical emergencies, staff should call 911 and provide emergency first aid under the direction of the 911 emergency medical dispatcher.