

## Emergency Aid Policy

The Benbrook Public Library staff will assist in offering first aid in the event of emergencies on premises. Library staff members offering first aid to injured persons are considered laymen and therefore do so under the Good Samaritan Law (Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 74.151). Several members of the Benbrook Public Library staff have received cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and certifications.

- The Benbrook Public Library will provide reasonable first aid equipment and supplies and staff will undergo periodic first aid training (Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. § 779.002).

In preparation for sudden a casualty event that occurs on the Library's premises, Library staff will:

- Maintain a reasonable inventory of supplies and equipment suitable for adults, children, and infants.
- Quickly assess the situation and initiate lifesaving aid when necessary.
- Notify first responders, and remain on the line to convey information between the dispatcher and aid giver.
- Establish a work space by controlling spectators and managing others on the scene.
- The person initiating CPR should be the one most capable at hand. Library staff with CPR certification will, under most circumstances, initiate first aid, but may hand off to first responders or other available licensed health professional who can better treat the casualty.
- Assign a staff member to guide first responders to the casualty.
- Secure expressed consent (if minor, then from the parent/caregiver) before applying first aid measures to conscious persons.

Consumable equipment or supplies expended on rescue efforts are done so without expectation of return or reimbursement from the casualty.

Emergency equipment is compatible with local first responders' equipment and the automatic emergency defibrillator (AED) is registered with the Benbrook Fire Department (Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. § 779.005).