

Emergency Care Plans

Why should parents file an emergency care plan with your child's school nurse? One reason is that the law in Washington State requires an emergency care plan and medication orders be on file if your child has a "life-threatening condition." Examples of life-threatening health conditions are severe allergies to foods or bee stings, asthma, diabetes, heart conditions or seizures. A second and extremely important reason to file an emergency plan is when the plan is put into place by the school nurse, important planning takes place to keep your child safe while they are in school. For example, teachers, administrators and bus drivers are notified about your child's condition and emergency care plan. The emergency care plan contains information staff will need to use if there is an emergency involving your child. If an emergency care plan is not in place, staff will lack this essential information they need to recognize and respond appropriately to your child's urgent medical condition. If your child has one of the health conditions listed above or you have any other questions about your child's health at school, please contact your school nurse, Mary Lou Shean at 972-5705