

Standard Operating Procedure for On Campus Accident/Emergency with No Nurse Onsite

- If the nurse is unavailable or not onsite and an on-campus accident/emergency occurs please contact a first aider from the First Aider List associated to your relevant Campus
- Lead Caretaker to be informed by a student or staff
- Location of accident identified and caretaker available to direct first aider to exact location
- Medical bag brought to incident location by caretakers
- Caretaker to remain in nearby vicinity of first aider attending to the emergency
- Caretaker to have radio connection for further assistance if needed. Only essential information is to be communicated.
- If an ambulance is required caretaker is to co-ordinate route of easiest ambulance entry

First Aider or first responder is to assess the situation:

1. Does it require local first aid treatment such as burn gels, disinfecting an area, a plaster these can be obtained from the medical bag brought by the caretaker?
2. Most Common Reasons to call ambulance include: Seizure, head injury, chest pain, person is unconscious, severe injury with a lot of pain and cannot be moved, difficulty breathing. **If in doubt call an ambulance but must be a warranted reason.**

Common Reasons to use a Local Injury Unit in the Nearest Hospital

3. A common faint generally requires sugar, fresh/cold air and rest. If a faint results in the following a bang to head causing person to have a headache / feels unwell post faint / deep cut on head or face, then self-referral to a local injury unit is advised.
4. Presentations which may not require an ambulance but rather the 'patient' self presents to the Local Injury Unit / Hospital include; Suspected broken bones, sprains, deep cuts and lacerations that may require stitching, minor burns that cannot be treated onsite by first aider, minor head injuries (that is a person that is fully conscious but may have banged head in faint or got hit with object),

Local Injury Unit / Hospital includes;

- ✓ Limerick – St. John's Open 8am – 7pm Every Day. TEL: 061 462132
 - ✓ Thurles – Nenagh Hospital Open 8am – 8pm Every Day. TEL: 067 42311
 - ✓ Clonmel – Clonmel Hospital Open 24 Hours Every Day. Tel: 052 6177000
 - ✓ Ennis - Ennis Hospital Open 8am – 8pm Every Day. TEL: 061 462132
5. If the person who has been treated/assessed has no option of transport to the nearest injury unit/hospital a taxi can be requested to facilitate if required.

Please Note:

- In some instances, a Defibrillator or Oxygen cylinder may need to be brought to an emergency.
- If any individual collapses onsite and is unresponsive immediately call 999, shout for help from nearest individuals to you, request a defibrillator, ask them to contact nurses, CPR can be commenced immediately if required
- **Nurses Office Number 061 293106 and 293108**
- **All accidents or incidents requiring an emergency response must be reported to the TUS Health & Safety Officer using the standard Accident Report Form.**