

Anaphylaxis Management Policy



Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction when a person is exposed to an allergen. The most common allergens in school-aged children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, certain insect stings and medications.

AIM

The aim of this policy is to:

- minimise the risk of an anaphylactic reaction occurring while the child/student is in the care of Al Siraat College.
- ensure that staff members respond appropriately to an anaphylactic reaction by initiating appropriate treatment, including competently administering an EpiPen.
- raise the service community's awareness of anaphylaxis and its management through education and policy implementation.

SCOPE

Anaphylaxis is a serious health issue for a percentage of the population and our College recognises the key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction by a student is knowledge, awareness and planning.

On 14 July 2008, the Children's Services and Education Legislation Amendment (Anaphylaxis Management) Act 2008 came into effect amending the Children's Services Act 1996 and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 requiring that all licensed children's services and schools have an anaphylaxis management policy in place.

Ministerial Order 706 -- Anaphylaxis Management in Victorian Schools outlines points that schools need to ensure are included in their Anaphylaxis Management Policy. Ministerial Order 706 comes into effect on 22 April 2014 and repeals Ministerial Order 90.

AL Siraat College uses Ministerial Order 706 Anaphylaxis-- Anaphylaxis Management in Schools and the Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Victorian Government Schools to assess and review their current management policies and practices.

POLICY

Al Siraat College strongly believes that the safety and wellbeing of children who are at risk of anaphylaxis is a whole-of-community responsibility. The college is committed to:

- provide, as far as practicable, a safe and healthy environment in which children at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of the children's program and experiences.
- raise awareness about allergies and anaphylaxis amongst the service community and children in attendance.

- actively involving the parents/guardians of each child at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks, developing risk minimisation strategies and management strategies for their child.
- ensure each staff member and other relevant adults have adequate knowledge of allergies, anaphylaxis and emergency procedures.
- facilitate communication to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children at risk of anaphylaxis.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Children's Services and Education Legislation Amendment \(Anaphylaxis Management\) Act 2008](#)

[Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004](#)

[Ministerial Order 706 - Anaphylaxis Management in Victorian Schools](#)

[Education and Training Reform Act 2006](#)

[Anaphylaxis Guidelines: A resource for managing allergies in Victorian Schools \(Department education and Training Victoria, 2017\)](#)

[ASC Anaphylaxis Management: Roles and Responsibilities](#)

[ASC Anaphylaxis Management: Communication Plan](#)

[ASC Anaphylaxis Management: Annual Risk Checklist](#)