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In May 2007, the Ministry of Education established a Provincial Anaphylaxis Advisory Committee comprised of health, education, parent and anaphylaxis organizations to provide assistance in the development of a provincial Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framework to outline provincial expectations with respect to managing anaphylaxis in the school setting. The purpose of the Framework is to provide boards of education with a broad overview of the key elements required in district policy, procedures and guidelines at the board level to ensure appropriate and consistent management of anaphylaxis in the school setting and throughout the education system.

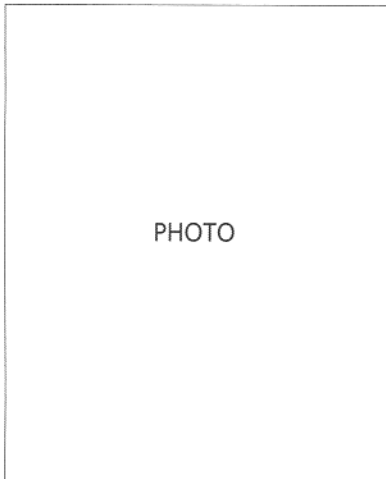
View the [BC Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framework 2007](#).

On September 13, 2007, the Ministry of Education announced the signing of the *Anaphylaxis Protection Order*. This ministerial order, which carries the force of law, requires all BC school districts to develop and implement anaphylaxis policies that meet the rigorous provincial standards outlined in the *British Columbia Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framework (September 2007)*.

View the [Anaphylaxis Protection Order](#).

Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan: _____ (name)

This person has a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to:



(Check the appropriate boxes.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree nuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect stings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egg | <input type="checkbox"/> Latex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication: _____ |

Food: The key to preventing an anaphylactic emergency is absolute avoidance of the allergen. People with food allergies should not share food or eat unmarked / bulk foods or products with a "may contain" warning.

Epinephrine Auto-Injector: Expiry Date: _____ / _____

- Dosage:** EpiPen® Jr 0.15 mg EpiPen® 0.30 mg
 Twinject™ 0.15 mg Twinject™ 0.30 mg

Location of Auto-Injector(s): _____

- Asthmatic:** Person is at greater risk. If person is having a reaction and has difficulty breathing, give epinephrine auto-injector before asthma medication.

A person having an anaphylactic reaction might have ANY of these signs and symptoms:

- **Skin:** hives, swelling, itching, warmth, redness, rash
- **Respiratory (breathing):** wheezing, shortness of breath, throat tightness, cough, hoarse voice, chest pain/tightness, nasal congestion or hay fever-like symptoms (runny itchy nose and watery eyes, sneezing), trouble swallowing
- **Gastrointestinal (stomach):** nausea, pain/cramps, vomiting, diarrhea
- **Cardiovascular (heart):** pale/blue colour, weak pulse, passing out, dizzy/lightheaded, shock
- **Other:** anxiety, feeling of "impending doom", headache

Early recognition of symptoms and immediate treatment could save a person's life.

Act quickly. The first signs of a reaction can be mild, but symptoms can get worse very quickly.

1. **Give epinephrine auto-injector** (e.g. EpiPen® or Twinject™) at the first sign of a reaction occurring in conjunction with a known or suspected contact with allergen. Give a second dose in 10 to 15 minutes or sooner **IF** the reaction continues or worsens. (See second page for instructions.)
2. **Call 911.** Tell them someone is having a life-threatening allergic reaction. Ask them to send an ambulance immediately.
3. **Go to the nearest hospital,** even if symptoms are mild or have stopped. Stay in the hospital for an appropriate period of observation, generally 4 hours, but at the discretion of the ER physician. The reaction could come back.
4. **Call contact person.**

Emergency Contact Information

| Name | Relationship | Home Phone | Work Phone | Cell Phone |
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The undersigned patient, parent, or guardian authorizes any adult to administer epinephrine to the above-named person in the event of an anaphylactic reaction, as described above. This protocol has been recommended by the patient's physician.

Patient/Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Physician Signature

Date



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