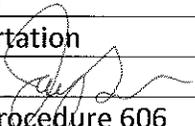


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Purpose

To ensure that Woodside residents requiring transport by rescue squad are safely supervised.

Related Policies

Woodside Policy and Procedure 510: Use of Restraint in the Community

Woodside Policy and Procedure 508: Inspections and Searches

Woodside Policy and Procedure 519: Incident Notification

Policy

When it has been determined that a resident must be transported to a hospital because of illness or an injury, the operations supervisor will consult with the nurse to determine how the resident should be transported (Woodside transport or emergency responder). If emergency responder transport is required, the Operations Supervisor contact the Essex Rescue Squad (878-4859 or 911). One youth counselor (or more than one, depending on extent of injury and potential security risk) will accompany the resident in the emergency vehicle to the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMHC). The second staff member will follow the emergency response vehicle keeping it in sight whenever possible. The goal is for the trailing staff person to arrive at the UVMHC at the same time as the emergency response vehicle.

The need for restraints during the transport and at the hospital is governed by Woodside Policy and Procedure 510: Use of Restraint in the Community.

Once at the hospital, staff must remain with the youth at all times. If an admission must occur, the staff member with the youth will ask for a private room and notify the operations supervisor that hospital admission is needed.

Procedure

1. Situation dictates a child receive emergency medical care.
2. Adequate staff are called in to cover the program. (When it is determined that the resident must leave the facility immediately on shift staff will accompany the resident and **not** wait for additional staff to arrive.)
3. The Operations Supervisor will consult with the nurse and decide either to provide Woodside transport for the resident or call the Essex Rescue Squad.



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4. Restraints, if appropriate, are placed on youth.
5. Resident is brought to the UVMHC.
6. Woodside Director is contacted in accordance with Woodside Policy and Procedure 519.
7. One staff person rides in the rescue squad vehicle. That staff person stays with the resident until properly relieved.
8. Woodside staff stays with resident at all times.
9. If youth is admitted to the hospital:
 - a. Supervisor is notified
 - b. Woodside Director is notified
 - c. Staff is assigned to stay with youth while hospitalized
 - d. If necessary, mechanical restraints will be applied per the direction of the Woodside Director and Operations Supervisor.
10. Appropriate search occurs when the child returns to Woodside. See Woodside Policy and Procedure 508: Inspections and Searches