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Injury & Illness Prevention Program-Safety Manual

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Policy Statement on Safety

The safety and health of each Long Valley Charter School (“LVCS”) employee is of primary importance to us. We are committed to maintaining a safe and healthful working environment, and to achieve this goal, we have developed and implemented this comprehensive Safety Manual and Injury and Illness Prevention Program (“Manual”). This Manual is designed to prevent workplace accidents, injuries, and illnesses. A complete copy of the program is maintained at each location. You may ask to review it at any time. You may also contact our Business Services Manager, El Roper if you have any questions or concerns.

It is the intent of LVCS to comply with all laws relating to occupational safety and health. Management will provide all necessary safeguards, programs, and equipment required to reduce the potential for accidents and injuries. To further increase workplace safety, we require the active participation and assistance of all employees. The policies and procedures contained in this Manual are mandatory. You should also be constantly aware of conditions in all work areas that can produce injuries or illness. No employee is required to work at a job that he or she knows is not safe. Never hesitate to inform your supervisor of any potentially hazardous situation or condition that is beyond your ability or authority to correct immediately. No employee will be discriminated against for reporting safety concerns to management.

It is the responsibility of each employee to support the company safety program and to perform in a manner that assures his or her own personal safety and the safety of others, including customers, visitors and other trades. To be successful in our endeavor, all employees on every level must adopt proper attitudes towards injury and illness prevention. We must also cooperate in all safety and health matters, not only between management and employees, but also between each employee and his or her respective coworkers. Only through such an effort can any safety program be successful. Our objective is a safety and health program that will reduce the total number of injuries and illnesses to an absolute minimum. Our ultimate goal is zero accidents.

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Code of Safe Practices

General Safety Rules

1. All persons shall follow this Code of Safe Practices and render every possible aid to safe operations.
2. Failure to abide by the Code of Safe Practices may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.
3. Employees are to immediately report any unsafe conditions, accidents, injuries or illness to their Supervisor.
4. If you are unsure of the safe method to do your job, STOP and ask your Supervisor. Ignorance is no excuse for a safety violation.
5. No one shall be knowingly permitted to work while the employee's ability or alertness is impaired by fatigue, illness, and prescription or over the counter drugs. Employees who are suspected of being under the influence of illegal or intoxicating substances, or impaired by fatigue or an illness, shall be prohibited from working.
6. Never work while fatigued, ill, or under the influence of an illegal or intoxicating substance.
7. Anyone known to be under the influence of any drugs or intoxicating substances which impair the employee's ability to safely perform the assigned duties shall not be allowed on the job.
8. Horseplay, scuffling, fighting and other acts that tend to have an adverse influence on workplace safety or employee well-being are prohibited.
9. Work shall be well-planned and supervised to prevent injuries in the handling of materials and in working together with equipment.
10. Keep the work area clean and free of debris, electrical cords and other hazards.
11. Immediately clean up spilled liquids.
12. Always notify all other individuals in your area who might be endangered by the work you are doing.
13. Do not operate equipment that you are not familiar with. Do not attempt to use such equipment until you are fully trained and authorized.
14. You are responsible for ensuring all safety guards are operable and in place. If they are not, STOP working and tell your Supervisor.
15. Never bring firearms, weapons, illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages on school grounds.
16. LVCS will appropriately label equipment that is NOT to be operated, energized or used. All such notices and procedures must be observed and obeyed.
17. Do not block exits, fire doors, aisles, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, emergency equipment, electrical panels, or traffic lanes.
18. Do not leave tools, materials, or other objects on the floor that might cause others to trip and fall.
19. Do not run on the school site if it would be unsafe to do so.
20. Do not distract others while working. If conversation is necessary, make sure eye contact is made prior to communicating.
21. Employees shall not enter manholes, underground vaults, chambers, tanks, silos, or other similar places that receive little ventilation, unless it has been determined that it is safe to enter.
22. Employees shall ensure that all guards and other protective devices are in proper places and adjusted, and shall report deficiencies promptly to the Supervisor.

23. Materials, tools, or other objects shall not be thrown from buildings or structures until proper precautions are taken to protect others from the falling objects.
24. Employees shall cleanse thoroughly after handling hazardous substances, and follow special instructions from authorized sources.
25. Gasoline or other flammable liquids shall not be used for cleaning purposes.
26. No burning, welding, or other source of ignition shall be applied to any enclosed tank or vessel, even if there are some openings, until it has first been determined that no possibility of explosion exists, and authority for the work is obtained from the Supervisor.

Campus/ Resource Center Safety

1. Be aware of unknown persons loitering in parking areas, walkways, entrances and exits and service areas.
2. Report any suspicious persons or activities to school administration.
3. Employee desk or office should be secured at the end of the day.
4. When an employee is called away from his or her work area for an extended length of time, valuable or personal articles should not be left around a work station that may be accessible.
5. Employees must immediately notify school administration when keys are missing or if security access codes have been breached.

Fire Prevention and Housekeeping

1. Always take precautions to prevent fires which may be started, particularly from oily waste, rags, gasoline, flammable liquids, acetylene torches, improperly installed electrical equipment and trash.
2. Firefighting equipment is to be inspected on a regular basis. All discharged, damaged or missing equipment is to be immediately reported to a Supervisor. Tampering with fire equipment is prohibited.
3. Access to fire extinguishers must be kept clear at all times. Make note of the location of firefighting equipment in your work area.
4. Never use gasoline or flammable solvents for cleaning purposes.
5. Smoking is prohibited within twenty (20) feet of where flammable substances are present.
6. In case of fire, employees shall consider the safety of themselves and other individuals before saving property.
7. Keep your work areas free of debris. Remove useless material from the work area as fast as required to help reduce tripping hazards.
8. Maintain awareness of potential hazards when walking about the work site.
9. Keep tools, materials and equipment out of walkways and stairways at all times.
10. Sharp wires or protruding nails must be made safe.

General Duties and Responsibilities for Safety

All employees of the Charter School are responsible for working safely and maintaining a safe & healthful work environment.

A. Program Administrators

The Program Administrators are the Sherri Morgan, Executive Director/Superintendent and El Roper, Business Services Manager. They are responsible for the overall implementation and duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Providing clear understanding and direction to all management and employees regarding the importance of safety through the development, implementation, monitoring and revision of policy and procedures.
2. Ensuring that adequate funds are budgeted for the purchase of necessary safety materials, safety equipment, proper personal protective equipment, adequate time for employee safety training, and maintenance of tools and equipment.
3. Overseeing development, implementation, and maintenance of the IIPP and other required safety programs.
4. Maintaining an organizational commitment to accident prevention by expecting safe conduct on the part of all supervisors and employees.
5. Holding all levels of management and employees accountable for accident prevention and safety.
6. Reviewing all accident investigations to determine corrective action.

B. Administrators/ Supervisors

All Administrators play a key role in the prevention of accidents on the job. They have direct contact with the employees and know the safety requirements for various jobs. Safety responsibilities for these individuals include:

1. Enforce all safety rules in the Manual and ensure safe work procedures.
2. Verify corrective action has been taken regarding safety hazards and accident investigations.
3. Conduct periodic documented inspections of the school sites to identify and correct unsafe actions and conditions that could cause accidents.
4. Act as a leader in school safety policy and setting a good example by following all safety rules.
5. Become familiar with local, state, and federal safety regulations.
6. Correct unsafe acts and conditions that could cause accidents.
7. Communicate with all employees about safety and accident prevention activities.
8. Correct the cause of any accident as soon as possible.
9. Ascertain that proper first aid and firefighting equipment is maintained and used when conditions warrant its use.
10. Maintain good housekeeping conditions at all times.
11. Investigate all injuries and accidents to determine their cause and potential corrective action.
12. Ascertain that all injuries involving our employees that require medical attention are properly treated and promptly reported to the office.

C. Employees

Every employee is responsible for working safely, both for self-protection and for protection of fellow workers. Employees must also support all LVCS safety efforts. Specific employee safety responsibilities include:

1. If you are unsure how to do any task safely, ask your supervisor.
2. Read and abide by all requirements of this Manual.
3. Report all accidents and injuries, no matter how minor, to your supervisor immediately.
4. Report any safety hazards or defective equipment immediately to your supervisor.
5. Never possess, or be under the influence of, alcohol or controlled substances while on the premises.
6. Never engage in horseplay or fighting.
7. Participate in, and actively support, the safety program.

Office Safety

Office accidents can and do happen. To prevent them, LVCS has developed the following rules for our office staff. If at any time, you feel there is a safety hazard, or you have any safety concerns, please do not hesitate to notify the Business Services Manager.

1. Report all accidents and injuries, no matter how minor, to your Supervisor immediately.
2. Correct or report any safety hazards that you observe.
3. Clean up any spilled material that may present a slipping hazard.
4. Do not stretch any cords across aisles that may present a tripping hazard.
5. No one is allowed to climb on shelves or stand on chairs; you must use a step stool or ladder.
6. Keep all legs of the chair on the floor. Do not tilt chairs too far back.
7. No one shall be in the possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or other intoxicating substances while on the premises.
8. No horseplay will be tolerated.
9. Close file drawers when not in use.
10. Do not open more than one file drawer at a time. This could cause the cabinet to tip.
11. Do not store heavy objects above your head that could fall on you in an earthquake.
12. Do not store flammable or combustible materials near heaters or other heat sources.
13. If you are unsure how to do any task safely, ask your supervisor.
14. Do not operate any equipment you are not trained and authorized to use.
15. Always follow safe lifting procedures when lifting any object and get help for heavy loads by doing the following:
 - Bend your knees, not your back.
 - Keep the load close to body.
 - Keep your back straight.
 - Lift with your legs.
 - Do not lift and twist.

Office Ergonomics

Studies have shown over the years that poorly designed and arranged work areas and repetitive motions can lead to a variety of injuries including carpal tunnel syndrome and tendonitis, which

are often referred to as repetitive motion injuries (“RMI”). As with cancer, heart disease, and many other ailments, there are risk factors that increase an individual’s likelihood of developing RMI. If the risk factors are reduced, so are the chances of being injured. While some of these risk factors, such as family history, cannot be controlled in the employment setting, many can, including:

- The force used to perform a task;
- Posture while performing tasks;
- The number of repetitions performed in a given time period; and
- Mechanical stresses such as hard surfaces.

Proper Adjustments to Office Equipment

The most significant RMI risk factor in office environments is poor body posture caused by improper workstation design or layout. In many cases employees are required to work in awkward positions for long periods of time. This greatly increases the likelihood of injury. Fortunately, this is often the easiest problem to correct. The goal is to perform work in neutral posture as much as possible. Neutral posture is best described as the most comfortable position and usually involves little or no twisting or deviation of the joints.

Sedentary employees are encouraged to contact the Safety Coordinator to ensure that their workstations allow for neutral posture, with respect to the position of the employee’s chair, computer keyboard, desk, computer monitor, and work product.

Hazardous Materials and Chemicals Communication Program

It is the policy of LVCS that the first consideration of work shall be the protection of the safety and health of all employees. We have developed this Hazard Communication Program to ensure that materials which have been prohibited from use at public schools are not used at our school sites, and to ensure that all employees receive adequate information about the possible hazards that may result from the various materials found in our facility or used in our operations. This Hazard Communication Program will be monitored by the Business Services Manager, who will be responsible for ensuring that all facets of the program are carried out, and that the program is effective.

The following are a few of the common materials regulated by the program:¹

- Asbestos-containing materials;
- Lead-containing materials;
- Pesticides, including antimicrobial sanitizers and disinfectants;
- Cleaning products and air purifiers; and
- Art supplies.

¹ Please note that the following items are not included in the program: foods, drugs, cosmetics or tobacco; untreated wood products; hazardous waste; and certain consumer products packaged for sale to and use by the general public, provided that our exposure is not significantly greater than typical consumer exposure.

Hazardous Material Inventory

The Business Services Manager maintains a list of all hazardous materials used in our operations or present in our facility. This list contains the name of the product, the type of product (cleaner, disinfectant, solvent, adhesive etc.) and the name and address of the manufacturer. Any toxic chemicals that are prohibited from use at a public school shall be removed from the inventory. Examples of such chemicals are certain pesticides and art supplies.

Material Safety Data Sheets (“MSDS”)

Copies of MSDS for all hazardous substances to which our employees may be exposed will be kept in a binder in each main office. These MSDS are available to all employees, at any reasonable time, upon request. Copies of the most commonly used products will also be kept by the Supervisor at the work site.

The Business Services Manager will be responsible for reviewing incoming MSDS for new and significant health/safety information. They will ensure that any new information is passed on to the affected employees.

The Business Services Manager will also review all incoming MSDS for completeness. If an MSDS is missing or obviously incomplete, a new MSDS will be requested from the manufacturer. The California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“Cal/OSHA”) will be notified if a complete MSDS is not received and the manufacturer will not supply one.

New materials will not be introduced into the shop or field until a MSDS has been received. The purchasing department will make it an ongoing part of their function to obtain MSDS for all new materials when they are first ordered.

Container Labeling

All containers of hazardous substances must be correctly labeled and the label must be legible. The label must contain:

- The chemical name of the contents;
- The appropriate hazard warnings; and
- The name and address of the manufacturer.

All secondary containers will be labeled as to their contents with a reference to the original label.

Employee Information and Training

All employees will be provided information and training on Integrated Pest Management in accordance with the Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

Hazardous Non-Routine Tasks

Infrequently, employees may be required to perform hazardous non-routine tasks. Prior to starting this work, each involved employee will be given information by his/her supervisor about hazards to which they may be exposed during such activity.

This information will include:

- The specific hazards;
- Protective/safety measures which must be utilized; and
- The measures the organization has taken to lessen the hazards, including special ventilation, respirators, the presence of another employee, emergency procedures, etc.

Informing Outside Contractors and Vendors

To ensure that outside contractors are not exposed to our hazardous materials, and to ensure the safety of the contractor's employees, it will be the responsibility of the Business Services Manager or Site Administrator to provide outside contractors the following information:

- The hazardous substances under our control that they may be exposed to while at the work site; and
- The precautions the contractor's employees must take to lessen the possibility of exposure.

We will obtain from outside contractors and vendors the name of any hazardous substances the contractor's employees may be using at a work site or bringing into our facility. The contractor must also supply a copy of the material safety data sheet relevant to these materials.

Employee Rights Under the Hazard Communication Standard

At any reasonable time, an employee has the right, upon request, to:

- Access the MSDS folder, and the Hazard Communication Program;
- Receive a copy of any environmental sampling data collected in the workplace; and
- See his/her employment medical records.

Hazard Identification and Evaluation

The following procedures are to assist in the identification and correction of hazards. These procedures are representative only and are not exhaustive of all the measures and methods that will be implemented to guard against injury from recognized and potential hazards in the workplace. As new hazards are identified and improved work procedures developed, they will be promptly incorporated into our Safety Manual.

Loss Analysis

Periodic loss analyses will be conducted by the Business Services Manager. These will help identify areas of concern and potential job hazards. The results of these analyses will be

communicated to management, supervision, and employees through safety meetings and other appropriate means.

Accident Investigations

All accidents and injuries will be investigated in accordance with the guidelines contained in this program. Accident investigations will focus on all causal factors and corrective action including the identification and correction of hazards that may have contributed to the accident.

Employee Suggestions

Employees are encouraged to report any hazard they observe to their supervisor. No employee of LVCS will ever be disciplined or discharged for reporting any workplace hazard or unsafe condition in good faith. However, employees who do NOT report potential hazards or unsafe conditions that they are aware of will be subject to disciplinary action.

Regulatory Requirements

All industries are subject to government regulations relating to safety. Many of these regulations are specific to our type of business. Copies of pertinent regulations can be obtained from the Business Services Manager.

Outside Agencies

Several organizations may assist us in identifying hazards in our workplace. These include safety officers from other contractors, insurance carrier safety and health consultants, private industry consultants, the fire department, and Cal/OSHA Consultation.

Periodic Safety Inspections

Periodic safety inspections ensure that physical and mechanical hazards are under control and identify situations that may become potentially hazardous. Inspections shall include a review of the work habits of employees in all work areas. These inspections will be conducted by the Business Services Manager or other designated individuals.

Periodic safety inspections will be conducted:

- When new substances, process, procedures or equipment are used;
- When new or previously unrecognized hazards are identified; and
- Periodically as designated by the Executive Director/ Superintendent

Documentation of Inspections

Safety inspections will be documented to include the following:

- Date on which the inspection was performed;
- The name and title of person who performed the inspection;

- Any hazardous conditions noted or discovered and the steps or procedures taken to correct them; and
- Signature of the person who performed the inspection.

All reports shall be kept on file for a minimum of two (2) years.

Hazard Correction

The following procedures will be used to evaluate, prioritize and correct identified safety hazards. Hazards will be corrected in order of priority, with the most serious hazards being corrected first.

Hazard Evaluation

Factors that will be considered when evaluating hazards include:

- Potential severity (the potential for serious injury, illness or fatality);
- Likelihood of exposure (the probability of the employee coming into contact with the hazard);
- Frequency of exposure (how often employees come into contact with the hazard);
- Number of employees exposed;
- Possible corrective actions (what can be done to minimize or eliminate the hazard); and
- Time necessary to correct (the time necessary to minimize or eliminate the hazard).

Techniques for Correcting Hazards

- 1. Engineering Controls:** Could include machine guarding, ventilation, noise reduction at the source, and provision of material handling equipment. These are the first and preferred methods of control.
- 2. Administrative Controls:** The next most desirable method would include rotation of employees or limiting exposure time.
- 3. Personal Protective Equipment:** Includes hard hats, hearing protection, respirators and safety glasses. These are often the least effective controls for hazards and should be relied upon only when other controls are impractical.

Documentation of Corrective Action

All corrective action taken to mitigate hazards should be documented. Depending on the circumstances, one of the following forms should be used:

- Safety Contact Report;
- Safety Meeting Report;
- Memorandum or letter; or
- Safety inspection form.

All hazards noted on safety inspections will be rechecked on each subsequent inspection and notations made as to their status.

Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan

The Business Services Manager, or designee, shall meet state and federal standards for dealing with bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials in the workplace. The Business Services Manager, or designee, shall establish a written “Exposure Control Plan” designed to protect employees from possible infection due to contact with bloodborne viruses, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis B virus (HBV).

The Board shall determine which employees have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. In accordance with the Charter School’s “Exposure Control Plan,” employees having occupational exposure shall be trained in accordance with applicable state regulations (8 CCR 5193) and offered hepatitis B vaccination.

The Business Services Manager, or designee, may exempt designated first-aid providers from pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccination under the conditions specified by state regulations.

Any employee not identified as having occupational exposure in the Charter School’s exposure determination may petition to be included in the Charter School’s employee in-service training and hepatitis B vaccination program. Any such petition should be submitted to the Business Services Manager, or designee, who shall evaluate the request and notify the petitioners of his/her decision. The Business Services Manager, or designee, may deny a request when there is no reasonable anticipation of contact with infectious material.

Safety Communication

This section establishes procedures designed to develop and maintain employee involvement and interest in the Safety Manual and IIPP. These activities will also ensure effective communication between management and employees on safety related issues that is of prime importance to LVCS.

The following are some of the safety communication methods that may be used:

1. Periodic safety meetings with employees that encourage participation and open, two-way communication.
2. New employee safety orientation and provision of the Code of Safe Practices.
3. Provision and maintenance of employee bulletin boards discussing safety issues, accidents, and general safety suggestions.
4. Written communications from management, including memos, postings, payroll stuffers, and newsletters.
5. Anonymous safety suggestion program.

Employees will be kept advised of highlights and changes relating to the safety program. Management shall relay changes and improvements regarding the safety program to employees, as appropriate. Employees will be involved in future developments and safety activities, by requesting their opinions and comments, as necessary.

All employee-initiated safety related suggestions shall be properly answered, either verbally or in writing, by the appropriate level of management. Unresolved issues shall be relayed to the Business Services Manager.

All employees are encouraged to bring any safety concerns they may have to the attention of management. LVCS will not discriminate against any employee for raising safety issues or concerns.

LVCS also has a system of anonymous notification whereby employees who wish to inform the company of workplace hazards without identifying themselves may do so by using STOP-IT or phoning or sending written notification to the following address:

ATTN: Business Services Manager
Long Valley Charter School
PO Box 7
Doyle, CA 96107
530-827-2395

Employee Safety Training

LVCS is committed to instructing all employees in safe and healthful work practices. Awareness of potential hazards, as well as knowledge of how to control them, is critical to maintaining a safe and healthful work environment and preventing injuries. To achieve this goal, we will provide training to each employee on general safety issues and safety procedures specific to that employee's work assignment.

Such training provides the following benefits:

- Makes employees aware of job hazards;
- Teaches employees to perform jobs safely;
- Promotes two (2) way communication;
- Encourages safety suggestions;
- Creates interest in the safety program; and
- Fulfills Cal/OSHA requirements.

Every new employee will be given instruction by his/her Supervisor in the general safety requirements of their job. A copy of our Code of Safe Practices shall also be provided to each employee.

Administrators, supervisors and employees will be trained at least twice per year on various accident prevention topics.

Employee training will be provided at the following times:

1. All new employees will receive a safety orientation their first day on the job.
2. All new employees will be given a copy of this Manual (which includes our Code of Safe Practices) and will be required to read and sign for it.
3. All employees given a new job assignment for which training has not been previously provided will be trained before beginning the new assignment.

4. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures or equipment that represent a new hazard are introduced into the workplace.
5. Whenever LVCS is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard.
6. Whenever management believes that additional training is necessary.
7. After all serious accidents.
8. When employees are not following safe work rules or procedures.

Training topics will include, but not be limited to:

- Employee's safety responsibility;
- General safety rules;
- Code of Safe Practices;
- Safe job procedures;
- Ergonomics;
- Use of safety equipment;
- Emergency procedures;
- Safe lifting and material handling practices; and
- Contents of safety program

The following training method should be used:

- **Tell them** how to do the job safely;
- **Show them** how to do the job safely;
- **Have them tell you** how to do the job safely;
- **Have them show you** how to do the job safely; and
- **Follow up** to ensure they are still performing the job safely.

Actual demonstrations of the proper way to perform a task are very helpful in most cases.

Emergency Medical Services and First Aid

LVCS will ensure the availability of emergency medical services for its employees at all times. We will also ensure the availability of a suitable number of appropriately trained persons to render first aid. The Business Services Manager will maintain a list of trained individuals and take steps to provide training for those that desire it.

First-Aid Kits

Every work site shall have access to at least one first-aid kit in a weatherproof container. The first-aid kit will be inspected regularly to ensure that it is well stocked, in sanitary condition, and any used items are promptly replaced. The contents of the first-aid kit shall be arranged to be quickly found and remain sanitary. First-aid dressings shall be sterile and in individually sealed packages.

At a minimum, the following first-aid supplies shall be kept:

Type of Supply Required by Number of Employees

Type of Supplies	Number of Employees		
	1-5	6-15	16-200
Adhesive dressings	X	X	X
Adhesive tape rolls, 1-inch wide	X	X	X
Eye dressing packet	X	X	X
1-inch gauze bandage roll or compress		X	X
2-inch gauze bandage roll or compress	X	X	X
4-inch gauze bandage roll or compress		X	X
Sterile gauze pads, 2-inch square	X	X	X
Sterile gauze pads, 4-inch square	X	X	X
Sterile surgical pads suitable for pressure dressings			X
Triangular bandages	X	X	X
Safety pins	X	X	X
Tweezers and scissors	X	X	X
Cotton-tipped applicators*			X
Forceps*			X
Emesis basin*			X
Flashlight*			X
Magnifying glass*			X
Portable oxygen and its breathing equipment*			
Tongue depressors*			
Appropriate record forms*	X	X	X
First-aid textbook, manual or equivalent*	X	X	X

**To be readily available but not necessarily within the first-aid kit.*

Drugs, antiseptics, eye irrigation solutions, inhalants, medicines, or proprietary preparations shall not be included in LVCS first-aid kits unless specifically approved, in writing, by an employer-authorized, licensed physician. Other supplies and equipment, if provided, shall be in accordance with the documented recommendations of an employer-authorized licensed physician upon consideration of the extent and type of emergency care to be given based upon the anticipated incidence and nature of injuries and illnesses and availability of transportation to medical care.

First Aid

The designated first aid person on each site will be available at all times to render appropriate first aid for injuries and illnesses. Proper equipment for the prompt transportation of the injured or ill person to a physician or hospital where emergency care is provided, or an effective communication system for contacting hospitals or other emergency medical facilities, physicians, ambulance and fire services, shall also be furnished. The telephone numbers of the following emergency services in the area shall be posted near the job telephone, or otherwise made available to the employees where no job site telephone exists:

1. A company authorized physician or medical clinic, and at least one alternate if available;

2. Hospitals;
3. Ambulance services; and
4. Fire-protection services.

Prior to the commencement of work at any site, the Supervisor or Manager shall locate the nearest preferred medical facility and establish that transportation or communication methods are available in the event of an employee injury.

Each employee shall be informed of the procedures to follow in case of injury or illness through our new employee orientation program, Code of Safe Practices, and safety meetings.

Where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious or corrosive materials, suitable facilities for drenching the body or flushing the eyes with clean water shall be conspicuously and readily accessible.

Accident Procedures

These procedures are to be followed in the event of an employee injury in the course of employment.

1. **For severe accidents call 911**
2. **Employees must report all work-related injuries to their Supervisor immediately, even if they do not feel that it requires medical attention.** Failure to do so may delay Workers' Compensation benefits, and the employee may face disciplinary action.
3. The Supervisor, employee, and first aid person should determine whether or not outside medical attention is needed. When uncertainty exists on the part of any individual, the employee should be sent for professional medical care.
4. If medical attention is not desired or the employee refuses treatment, you must still fill out a LVCS Accident Report in case complications arise later. Accident reports are submitted immediately to El Roper, Business Services Manager.
5. In all cases, if the employee cannot transport himself or herself for any reason, transportation should be provided.
6. In the event of a serious accident involving hospitalization for more than twenty-four (24) hours, amputation, permanent disfigurement, loss of consciousness or death, phone contact should be made with El Roper at 530-827-2395. Contact must also be made with the nearest Cal/OSHA office within eight (8) hours.

Accident Investigation

The Business Services Manager in collaboration with the Administrator or other designated individual will investigate all work-related accidents in a timely manner. This includes minor incidents and "near accidents," as well as serious injuries. An accident is defined as any unexpected occurrence that results in injury to personnel, damage to equipment, facilities, or material, or interruption of normal operations.

Responsibility for Accident Investigation

Immediately upon being notified of an accident, the Business Services Manager, Administrator, or other designated individual shall conduct an investigation. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the cause of the accident and corrective action to prevent future reoccurrence, not to fix blame or find fault. An unbiased approach is necessary in order to obtain objective findings.

The Purpose of Accident Investigations

- To prevent or decrease the likelihood of similar accidents.
- To identify and correct unsafe work practices and physical hazards. Accidents are often caused by a combination of these two factors.
- To identify training needs. This makes training more effective by focusing on factors that are most likely to cause accidents.

What Types of Incidents Do We Investigate?

- Fatalities
- Serious injuries
- Minor injuries
- Property damage
- Near misses

Procedures for Investigation of Accidents

Immediately upon being notified of an accident the designated individual will:

1. Visit the accident scene, as soon as possible, while facts and evidence are still fresh and before witnesses forget important details and to make sure hazardous conditions to which other employees or customers could be exposed are corrected or have been removed.
2. Provide for needed first aid or medical services for the injured employee(s).
3. If possible, interview the injured worker at the scene of the accident and verbally “walk” him or her through a re-enactment. All interviews should be conducted as privately as possible. Interview all witnesses individually and talk with anyone who has knowledge of the accident, even if they did not actually witness it.
4. Report the accident to El Roper at 530-827-2395 Accidents will be reported by the Business Services Manager to the insurance carrier within twenty-four (24) hours. All serious accidents will be reported to the carrier as soon as possible.
5. Consider taking signed statements in cases where facts are unclear or there is an element of controversy.
6. Thoroughly investigate the accident to identify all accident causes and contributing factors. Document details graphically. Use sketches, diagrams and photos as needed. Take measurements when appropriate.
7. All accidents involving death, disfigurement, amputation, loss of consciousness or hospitalization for more than twenty-four (24) hours must be reported to Cal/OSHA immediately.

8. Focus on causes and hazards. Develop an analysis of what happened, how it happened, and how it could have been prevented. Determine what caused the accident itself, not just the injury.
9. Every investigation must also include an action plan that includes an assessment of how such accidents be prevented in the future.
10. In the event a third party or defective product contributed to the accident, save any evidence as it could be critical to the recovery of claim costs.

Accurate & Prompt Investigations

- Ensures information is available
- Causes can be quickly corrected
- Helps identify all contributing factors
- Reflects management concern
- Reduces chance of recurrence

Investigation Tips

- Avoid placing blame
- Document with photos and diagrams, if needed
- Be objective, get the facts
- Reconstruct the event
- Use open-ended questions

Questions to Ask

When investigating accidents, asking open-ended questions beginning with “who,” “what,” “when,” “where,” “why,” and “how” will provide more information than closed-ended questions such as, “Were you wearing gloves?”

Examples include:

- How did it happen?
- Why did it happen?
- How could it have been prevented?
- Who was involved?
- Who witnessed the incident?
- Where were the witnesses at the time of the incident?
- What was the injured worker doing?
- What was the employee working on?
- When did it happen?
- When was the accident reported?
- Where did it happen?
- Why was the employee assigned to do the job?

The single, most important question that must be answered as the result of any investigation is: “What do you recommend be done (or have you done) to prevent this type of incident from recurring?”

Once the Accident Investigation is Completed

- Take or recommend corrective action.
- Document corrective action.
- Executive Director/ Superintendent and the Business Services Manager will review the results of all investigations.
- Consider safety program modifications.
- Information obtained through accident investigations can be used to update and improve our current program.

Enforcement of Safety Policies

The compliance of all employees with LVCS's Safety Manual and IIPP is mandatory and shall be considered a condition of employment.

Training Programs

The importance of safe work practices and the consequences of failing to abide by safety rules will be covered in the New Employee Safety Orientation and safety meetings. This will help ensure that all employees understand and abide by LVCS safety policies.

Retraining

Employees that are observed performing unsafe acts or not following proper procedures or rules will be retrained by their supervisor. A Safety Contact Report may be completed by the supervisor to document the training. If multiple employees are involved, additional safety meetings will be held.

Disciplinary Action

The failure of an employee to adhere to safety policies and procedures established by LVCS can have a serious impact on everyone concerned. An unsafe act can threaten not only the health and wellbeing of the employee committing the unsafe act but can also affect the safety of his/her coworkers and customers. Accordingly, any employee who violates any of the organization's safety policies will be subject to disciplinary action.

Note: Failure to promptly report any on-the-job accident or injury, on the same day as its occurrence, is considered a serious violation of the organization's safety policies. Any employee who fails to immediately report a work-related accident or injury, no matter how minor, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Employees will be disciplined for infractions of safety rules and unsafe work practices that are observed, not just those that result in an injury. Often, when an injury occurs, the accident investigation will reveal that the injury was caused because the employee violated an established safety rule and/or safe work practice(s). In any disciplinary action, the supervisor should be

cautious that discipline is given to the employee for safety violations, and not simply because the employee was injured on the job or filed a Workers' Compensation claim.

Violations of safety rules and the Code of Safe Practices are to be considered equal to violations of other company policy. Discipline for safety violations will be administered in a manner that is consistent with LVCS's Employee Handbook.

Vaccination Declination Form

EMPLOYEE NAME: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge the following:

I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potential infectious materials I may be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B Virus (“HBV”) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline the Hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future, I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF SAFETY MANUAL & INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

PLEASE READ THE EMPLOYEE SAFETY MANUAL & INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM AND SUBMIT A SIGNED COPY OF THIS STATEMENT TO THE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

EMPLOYEE NAME: _____

This is to certify that I have received a copy of the Long Valley Charter School (“LVCS”) Safety Manual & Illness and Injury Prevention Program. I have read this document, understand it, and will comply with it while working for LVCS.

I understand that failure to abide by these rules may result in disciplinary action and possible termination of my employment with LVCS.

I also understand that I am to report any injury to my Supervisor or Manager immediately and report all safety hazards.

I further understand that I have the following rights.

- I am not required to work in any area I feel is not safe.
- I am entitled to information on any hazardous material or chemical I am exposed to while working.
- I am entitled to see a copy of the LVCS Safety Manual & Injury and Illness Prevention Program.
- I will not be discriminated against for reporting safety concerns.

Employee’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign/date and return to El Roper.