

# **BURRELL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

<b>Incident Reporting</b>		<b>SOP #: FAC.006.02</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

Employees and students must ensure that all accidents/incidents, regardless of severity, are reported. Incident reporting applies to all accidents and incidents involving College employees, contractors, students and visitors, which result in, or have the potential to have resulted in, personal injury, illness, damage of College property, or the damage of private property while on College property. An Incident Report is required for any accidents/incidents while participating in College sponsored activities.

### **2. Related Policy/Authority**

Policy B4010 Security and Public Safety

Employee Handbook/Student Handbook

Student Clerkship Manual

Incident Report Form

### **3. Faculty/Staff Responsibilities**

Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Facilities Office, Security, Office of Human Resources, Office of Student Affairs

### **4. Definitions/Abbreviations**

Environmental Health and Safety Officer (EHSO) – the position reports to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

### **5. Procedural Steps**

1. Follow safe work practices and abiding by all College safety policies and procedures.
2. When accidents/incidents requiring immediate medical attention occur on campus, 911 should be called immediately, followed by a call to College Security and/or the Facilities Manager who will secure the accident scene.
3. No member, staff or student of the College is expected to provide or assess emergency care.
4. The College has first aid kits located on each floor of the main building and in the Medical Education Center. First aid kits are NOT intended to replace professional Emergency Medical Services (EMS). These kits are intended to allow persons to treat themselves for minor medical incidents.
5. Promptly report any conditions considered unsafe to a supervisor, the Facilities Manager and the EHSO.
6. Promptly report any accidents or incidents to the appropriate college official (e.g. Supervisor, Office of Student Affairs, Security, Facilities Manager, EHSO).
7. For Employees:
  - a. All incidents must be reported using the Incident Report form on the College website (<https://burrell.edu/incident-report/>) as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours

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following the accident or incident. It is extremely important to also report accidents/incidents to your immediate supervisor so that the College will be able to file the appropriate paperwork. Failure to report an occupational accident may result in denial of benefits under worker compensation laws.

- b. The employee's immediate supervisor is responsible for assisting in reporting the accident/incident to the Office of Human Resources.
  - c. The Office of Human Resources will:
    - i. Assist the employee in obtaining prompt medical treatment if needed.
    - ii. Comply with New Mexico Worker's Compensation guidelines. Additional Worker's Compensation Forms may need to be completed including the First Report of Injury Form.
    - iii. Ensure proper employee involvement in occupational accident investigations in an attempt to get their input into the cause and corrective actions.
  - d. Submitted Incident Reports are routed to the EHSO in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Employee accidents/incidents will be investigated at the discretion of the College.
8. For Students:
- a. All incidents must immediately be reported using the Incident Report form on the College's website (<https://burrell.edu/incident-report/>) . Students must also report an accident or incident as soon as possible to the Office of Student Affairs by the student and/or by College personnel responding to the event. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students reporting needle sticks or other incidents on rotation shall fill out the online Incident Report form and follow the procedures in the Student Clerkship manual. Student accidents/incidents will be investigated at the discretion of the College.
  - b. Submitted Incident Reports are routed to the EHSO in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Student accidents/incidents will be investigated at the discretion of the College.
9. For Visitors to the campus:
- a. Non-occupational accidents/incidents occurring on the College property should be reported as soon as possible by College personnel responding to the event (i.e. Supervisor responsible for the area where the accident occurred, campus security, the host responsible for the visitor, etc.). All accidents/incidents must be reported using the Incident Report form.
  - b. Submitted Incident Reports are routed to the EHSO in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Visitor accidents/incidents will be investigated at the discretion of the College.
10. For Contractors:
- a. Accidents/incidents involving a contractor employee should be reported to the college's representative managing the contractor using the Accident/Incident Report Form or the contractor's reporting form. Copies of the report should be sent to the EHSO in the College's Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Investigations into contractor accidents/incidents will be conducted at the discretion of the representative managing the contractor or the EHSO in the College's Office of Institutional Effectiveness.
11. The EHSO is responsible for:

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- a. Maintaining a log of accidents and incidents according to OSHA guidelines and regulations.
  - b. Report all accidents/incidents that result in fatality or hospitalization of three or more employees, to the New Mexico Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) office within 8 hours of the incident.
  - c. Reviewing accident and incident reports for root causes of the accident or incident, and appropriateness of recommended preventive and/or corrective actions.
  - d. Reviewing and analyzing accident statistics for trends/patterns and making recommendations to administration, which may include the Board of Trustees, on corrective programs or procedures.
  - e. Ensuring all employees and students are educated on corrective actions, as appropriate.
  - f. Ensuring that the Finance Office is notified of incidents for general liability insurance incident reporting.
12. When an investigation is deemed appropriate, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and/or the EHSO will create an ad hoc task force to conduct the investigation. The task force may include the following individuals and others as appropriate: the EHSO, the supervisor or college representative responsible for the area or event in which the accident occurred, and other appropriate individuals who have knowledge of the activity, area or other circumstances of the accident. The task force will make a recommendation of correcting unsafe conditions or actions that contributed to the accident as appropriate (ie. Issuing a work order, direct action of a supervisor).
13. The Facilities Office will ensure that emergency equipment (i.e., Fire extinguisher, spill cleanup, etc.) used in the accident/incident is replaced or returned to normal operating condition.

### **6. Reports/Charts/Forms/Attachments/Cross References**

SA.020 CARE Team

Employee Assistance Program

### **7. Maintenance**

### **8. Signature**

Approved by	5.8.23
Department Head of Institutional Effectiveness	Date

### **9. Distribution List**

Internal/External

### **10. Revision History**

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Revision Date	Subsection #	Summary of Changes	New/Cancellation/Replacement Procedure? (if applicable)	Approval Date
2023-05-01	5	Updated titles, added general liability insurance reporting		
5/8/2023	All	Updated information on first aid kits available. Added information about responding to an accident/incident		5/8/2023