

Anaphylaxis Policy General

1. Statement of Context

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medications.

Ministerial Order 706 sets out the requirements that schools must follow as a minimum standard for school registration under Part IV of the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic).

2. Reference Points / Background Papers

- Ministerial Order 706
 - Ministerial Order 90 – Anaphylaxis Management in Schools (repealed, April 2014)
 - Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans
 - Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Victorian Schools
 - www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/anaphylaxischl.aspx
 - Royal Children's Hospital Anaphylaxis Advisory Line 1300 725 911
 - DEECD Annual Anaphylaxis Risk Management Checklist
 - Children's Services and Education Legislation Amendment (Anaphylaxis Management) Act 2008
 - ISV and VRQA Guidelines
-

3. Aims

To raise awareness amongst AGSV Member Schools of the need in relation to AGSV events and activities, to comply with Ministerial Order 706 and associated guidelines on anaphylaxis management, published and amended by the DEECD from time to time.

4. Policy details

All AGSV Member Schools are required to develop and maintain an Anaphylaxis Policy that will comply with Ministerial Order 706 and associated guidelines in their prevention and management of anaphylaxis. When required, member schools must inform the AGSV about students who require an Anaphylaxis management plan.

5. Implications for practice

The AGSV will require Member Schools to sign an annual attestation of compliance with this policy (see Appendix 2).