(A) Policy Statement

A list is provided to nursing personnel regarding injuries and other suspicious incidents that are required by law to be reported to law enforcement agencies and the Lucas County Coroner’s office.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide a uniform policy for ED personnel to follow when dealing with definite/suspicious injuries and situations that are required by law to be reported to law enforcement.

(C) Procedure

1. Vehicular Crashes
   - Automobiles, mopeds, 4 wheelers (ATV), bicycles
   - Any accident/crash where a person is thrown against a dashboard
   - Any accident/crash where a person is thrown off a vehicle or stuck by a vehicle

2. Weapons
   - All gunshot wounds, including BB guns, pellet guns, air guns, target pistols
   - All stab wounds, regardless of identity of weapon—knife, box cutter, etc.
   - Any item used to sustain injury to a person

3. Public Property Injuries
   - Injuries occurring on public property, including sidewalks, streets, parks, public buildings, school

4. Possession of a Lethal Weapon in the Emergency Department
   - Notify Campus Police immediately
   - Do not attempt to disarm the individual

5. Suspicion of Rape or Sexual Imposition
   - Notify the law enforcement agency in the county of which the incident occurred

6. Criminal Abortion

7. Overdosing or Poisoning
   - Any accidental or intentional overdose or poisoning

8. Child Abuse / Neglect
   - Notify the law enforcement agency in the county of which the incident occurred
   - Notify the county Children’s Protective Services Agency

9. Adult Abuse / Neglect / Domestic Violence
   - Notify the law enforcement agency in the county of which the incident occurred

10. Elderly Abuse / Neglect / Exploitation
    - Notify the law enforcement agency in the county of which the incident occurred
11. Deaths in the ED
   - Any person brought to the ED and declared DOA or dead after arrival is to be reported to the Lucas County Coroner’s office
   - Toledo Police Department is to be notified of any death that appears to have occurred under suspicious circumstances.
   - If the patient has been transferred to UTMCE from another facility or another county and is pronounced dead in the ED, the Lucas County Coroner’s office is to be notified.

12. Animal Bites
   - ALL bites are to be reported to the Lucas County Health Department. The form for reporting is kept in triage and is to be completed and faxed.

Note:
   - All clothing and personal belongings are to be secured in a paper bag. It must be documented in the medical record what was secured in the bag and to whom it was released.
   - If any weapons are released to law enforcement it must be documented in the medical record what was released and to whom.

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