TITLE: Accident and Incident Reporting/Insurance

RELATED POLICY AND PROCEDURES: 4-8-1010 Campus Safety and Security

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY: Administrative

Administrative Responsibilities
It is the overall responsibility of the Facilities Management Director to review and update this procedure with the assistance of the Public Safety Director and Human Resources Director.

Procedures

A. Incident Reports

1. All incidents involving personal injury or damage to equipment are reported immediately to the supervisor or instructor and also to the Public Safety Department.

2. The Public Safety/Premise Security Officer on duty investigates each incident and files a report with the Public Safety Office and Human Resources Office. A follow-up report is sent to the supervisor.

3. Records of all employee related injuries are maintained in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations in the Human Resources Office and forwarded to the appropriate agencies as required by insurance and South Carolina State Statute and/or regulation.
4. A Workmen’s Compensation Insurance Form is required to be completed and the appropriate physician’s statements submitted to the Human Resources Office.

5. When a student is involved in an incident that causes physical injury, a Personal Injury Report is completed and filed with the Human Resources Office. A copy is retained in the Public Safety Office. The injured student is informed to bring all physician statements to the Human Resources Office.

B. Accident Reporting

Department Heads/Academic Program Directors, instructors, and supervisors are responsible for complying with the following procedures for reporting and recording accidents and occupational illnesses:

1. Students and Work-Study Students
   a. Students are instructed to report any accident **immediately** to their instructor or supervisor and to the Public Safety. Public Safety electronically delivers a copy of the form to be completed to the appropriate departments for their documentation.

   b. The appropriate incident report should be obtained from and completed by the Public Safety Office or the County Campus Director or designee prior to seeking medical attention. When the urgency of the situation precludes obtaining completion of the forms prior to treatment, the student must report to the Public Safety Office as soon as he/she is able. A report to the insurance carrier is made in each case requiring medical attention before any claim is paid.

   c. The Public Safety Office completes an incident report and sends a copy electronically to Human Resources and the appropriate department.

2. College Employees
   a. Deans, Department Heads/Academic Program Directors, and Supervisor report all incidents involving injury or occupational illnesses to Piedmont Technical College employees to the Public Safety Office. All employees are covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act.
b. The employee is notified to contact the Human Resources Office immediately or as soon as he/she is able to complete additional forms for Workmen’s Compensation. Delay in reporting could result in delay or loss of compensation.

c. If medical treatment is required employees should inform the treating agency that they are covered by Workmen’s Compensation Insurance of the College and the Human Resources Office should be contacted for verification. If the incident occurs after hours or on the weekend, the treating agency should contact Public Safety at 941-8000 for verification. Upon receiving the call from the medical provider, get a call back number and return the call on a secure line to protect privacy.

d. Public Safety Office assists in coordinating transportation of persons injured on campus to the nearest medical facility. In the case of extreme emergency contact EMS at 911, then immediately notify Public Safety at extension 8000 or 8563.

Note: The College cannot force medical treatment. However, if the injury or condition is such that the injured party cannot take care of him or herself and they do not have anyone that can assist them at that time or within minutes they will be transported to a medical facility by emergency personnel (EMS) with or without their consent. The College does not have a medical facility and personnel are not trained in procedures to handle these emergencies.

e. Public safety transmits an electronic copy of the form to the Human Resource Office within three business days from the date the report is taken.

f. An electronic copy is sent to the responsible supervisor or their superior (in their absence) on the day of the event or as soon as the responsible party is available. The responsible supervisor investigates, completes and submits the electronic copy of the form to the Human Resources Office and Public Safety within three working days of the receipt of the form.
g. Public Safety actively maintains a file until disposed of in accordance with State Archive Regulations.

C. Insurance

1. Student Health and Accident Insurance is administered by the Human Resources Office. All full time students are covered by this plan. Details on coverage and instructions for filing a claim can be obtained from the Human Resources Office.
   a. All full-time and part-time students are covered by accident insurance.
   
   b. This insurance is provided by Piedmont Technical College. Coverage is limited to coverage of injuries or occupational health incidents received while on the campus of Piedmont Technical College, engaged in Piedmont Technical College (off campus) activities, or while engaged in traveling to or from a place of residence to Piedmont Technical College.
   
   c. Accidents should be reported to the Human Resources Office; all claims must be processed by this office.
   
   d. The Human Resources Office is available to provide assistance in resolving problems regarding medical insurance.

2. Workmen’s Compensation Insurance for employees of Piedmont Technical College is administered by the Human Resource Office. All accidental injuries or environmental health problems must be reported to the Public Safety Office and investigated in order to ensure the rights of the employees under the Workmen’s Compensation Regulations are met.
   a. Work-study and other students designated by Human Resources are covered under Worker's Compensation, for injuries or illnesses occurring while performing as an employee of Piedmont Technical College.
   
   b. All permanent and part-time employees are covered under Worker's Compensation for any accident or occupational illness incurred on the premises of Piedmont Technical College while engaged in official functions or regular job requirements; plus coverage off the premises of Piedmont Technical College while engaged in official
Piedmont Technical College activities. All permanent employees are covered under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan while not engaged in Piedmont Technical College official activities.

c. The Human Resources Office is available to provide assistance in resolving problems regarding medical insurance.

3. Personal Liability Policy
   a. All permanent employees including Advisory Board members and Area Commissioners are insured by a blanket personal liability policy to cover them for any contingency arising while acting in an official capacity.

   b. The tort liability policy is underwritten by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board.