

## **POLICY 240: Anaphylaxis**

The Board of Education for School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) has the responsibility to be prepared to respond to medical emergencies such as anaphylaxis. The Board recognizes the right of children and staff to attend school and to work in a safe environment. As a result, the Board will take steps to alter the environment to accommodate children and staff who are susceptible to anaphylaxis in the school setting. While it is impossible for the Board to ensure an allergen-free environment, the Board is committed to making schools as safe as possible for children and staff.

Anaphylaxis, the medical term for “allergic shock” can be rapid and deadly. Microscopic amounts of the allergen can be fatal since a reaction can develop within seconds of exposure.