



Injured Official

Officials play an important role in the game and are as susceptible to an injury as a player is. If an official suffers an injury during a game, the home team's safety person is responsible for tending to the official while being supported by the visiting team's safety person. The following are the expectations on how to manage an injured official, this information is also provided to all Hockey Alberta officials each year.

Each official:

- Will have a medical information form that includes their emergency contact information, this will be kept in a sealed envelope in their equipment bag or provided to the time keep
- Should an injury occur, the official is responsible for ensuring an injury report form is filled out and submitted to Hockey Alberta

If an official is injured:

The **Home Team Safety Person** will:

- Manage the situation as if it were a player on your team
- If needed, initiate your emergency action plan
- If the injury is severe, instruct the other official to retrieve the emergency contact information
- If the official is removed from the game, remain with, or ensure someone remains with, the injured official until his or her emergency contact arrives
- If the official is to be transported to the hospital alone, travel with (or arrange someone to travel with) the official to the hospital and provide the necessary information to the official's emergency contact

The **Visiting Team Safety Person** will:

- As necessary, assist the home *team safety person* in tending to the injured official.
- Should the home *team safety person* be required to leave his or her team while managing the situation, assume the role for all remaining participants including both teams and the remaining official(s)

Please note that not all minor hockey associations have developed safety programs, nor have they adopted the Hockey Alberta or Hockey Canada recommendations for Safety programs. It is imperative that in your role as the *Team Safety Person*, that you review the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) with the visiting team, along with applicable protocols such as the Injured Official to ensure they have someone who is trained in first aid, who can act as the visiting *Team Safety Person*, should the Home *Team Safety Person* be required to leave the arena. The visiting *Team Safety Person* should be made aware of the existing EAP, and any other pertinent information.

