

# Anaphylaxis Policy

This Anaphylaxis Policy aims to provide procedures for the management of Anaphylaxis at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre and the Bruce County Library branches. The County of Bruce is committed to maintaining accessible and inclusive services at its Museum and Library Branches.

As nuts and nut products are the most common source of allergen, the County will be transitioning its Museum and Library branches to be "Nut-Aware" facilities.

A full copy of this policy is available at the Bruce County website.  
<https://brucecounty.on.ca/anaphylaxis-policy>

## **What is Anaphylaxis?**

Anaphylaxis is a severe systemic allergic reaction which can be fatal, resulting in circulatory collapse or shock. Signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen.

## **Common Symptoms include, but are not limited to:**

Hives, swelling in face, itching, warmth and redness;  
Coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest pain  
Nausea, dizziness, vomiting, passing out, weak pulse.

## **Controlling the Environment**

By making everyone aware of the seriousness of Anaphylaxis and requesting that no Nut products be brought in or sold at the County Museum and Library Branches together we can minimize the risk of exposure. The County cannot guarantee a 100 percent allergen free environment.

## **Communication Strategy/Community Outreach**

Increased education and awareness of Anaphylaxis will be achieved through a public notice in the local papers, signage at the Nut-Aware facilities, notice of the policy to all registrants in County run programming at the facilities and permanent posting on the County website. The County shall also encourage parents/guardians to play an active role in the prevention, communication and education strategies.

## **Questions & Concerns**

A FAQ page regarding this policy is available at the Bruce County website.  
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Should you require further information, please contact us:

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**If you see someone experiencing Anaphylaxis, Call 911.**

