Severe Allergic Reaction / Epi-pen

Note: City Risk recommends that bureaus rely on their General First Aid and Emergency Response protocols to assist individuals who suffer an allergic reaction at work. There may be special circumstances that would require a higher lever of response. These should be carefully evaluated and documented on a case by case basis.

Occupational Health is no longer offering the Severe Allergic Reaction/Epi-Pen® Training. Please, contact Multnomah Education Service District at 503-255-1841 for training information.

Bureaus who are considering training staff to respond to a severe allergic reaction using an Epi-pen should establish a Policy clarifying who may be trained. The training is intended to comply with the following statutes and rules:

- According to the law **(ORS 433.805-830)**, a person who meets the prescribed qualifications may obtain a prescription for pre-measured doses of epinephrine (adrenaline) and the necessary paraphernalia for administration, such administration being "limited to an emergency situation when a physician is not immediately available." The person to be treated is defined as a "person suffering severe allergic response to an insect sting or other allergens as defined by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Public Health Division."
- The Oregon Administrative Rules supporting this law **(OAR 333-055-000 to 333-055-0035)** stipulate that people who complete the prescribed Oregon Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, training can receive a certificate, signed by the licensed health care professional responsible for the training program. This certificate can be used as a prescription to obtain an emergency supply of epinephrine, including the equivalent of one child dose and one adult dose in prefilled syringes. This prescription may be filled up to four times. These certificates expire three years after issuance, after which the individual must complete retraining in order to receive a new certificate.