SIGNIFICANCE OF LEARNING FIRST AID IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

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It is this year that various emergency situations have outlined the news articles. Deaths and injuries were listed in many places due to natural disasters and even man-made attack. One among the reasons why there is an unexpected death is that there is a lack of knowledge on how to respond as the emergency response teams will not be available and be near in the places of incidents especially in the remote area. Sadly, witnesses could have saved some lives through knowing how to approach and how to apply temporary medication to the victims while waiting for the responders.

First-aid is one among the keys that has saved myriads of lives during emergency situations. Felman (2018) defined first-aid as a measure which people can perform without needing much equipment and without requiring any expertise in the field of medicine. The fact that having at least few knowledge on its application without the need of having a degree may speak up of too much more possibilities and make it a life-saving context. According to MFASCO Health and Safety (2016), it can also save a patient from having a long-term disability. In a bigger picture, it can save a man from the ravine of death. However, individuals still have to undergo basic training on first-aid in order to know the dos and don'ts as well as the proper materials and the context itself and not everyone could attend such. Since emergency situations are not into choosing where to happen and who to victimize, it is really needed that whatever age an individual has, he or she must know about first-aid application.

Schools can also be a place of emergency situations. A simple injury may mean complete absences in the coming days and a simple body may mean something worse. That is why
students are being taught all the necessary responses to an emergency situation whether it is at home, at school or anywhere. From junior high school even until senior high school, the importance and application of first-aid are being prioritized to be instilled in the young minds so just like being scouts, they would surely know how to respond quickly. Oftentimes, simple emergency situations such as an asthma attack might need medical response and knowing how to act and where to place the patient including all the necessary things to be avoided will be a plus for an individual. It is applicable to the country since there are a few students who are having illnesses and that they are being dragged to an emergency even though they are in school. As early as in elementary, it must already be taught since there are cases that educators may not be present to supervise and direct the class on what to do.

Situations anywhere may not go as calm as how they are expected to be. More often, the context of emergencies is being felt, of course, without any notice. Whether at school or at home or at work, the significance of knowing how to help alleviate a patient's suffering is always a good factor for an individual. Unlike manners, first-aid does not necessarily start at home, it starts in school and that remembering its application is such a lifetime investment, without needing to go to a medical school.

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