



WHEN TO CALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS 9 – 1 – 1)

Call EMS if:

- ☑ The person is not breathing.
- ☑ The person is having difficulty breathing, shortness of breath or is choking.
- ☑ The person is wheezing due to allergic reaction.
- ☑ Near drowning.
- ☑ The person has no pulse.
- ☑ The person is unconscious, semi-conscious or unusually confused.
- ☑ The person has bleeding that won't stop.
- ☑ The person is coughing up or vomiting blood.
- ☑ The person has chest pain or pressure persisting more than 3-5 minutes, or has chest pain that goes away and comes back.
- ☑ The person has been poisoned or taken an overdose.
- ☑ The person has a seizure for the first time; has a seizure that lasts more than 5 minutes (unless otherwise specified); has multiple seizures; or has a seizure and is pregnant or diabetic.
- ☑ The person has injuries to the head, neck or back; or severe eye injury.
- ☑ The person has sudden or persistent, severe pain anywhere in the body.
- ☑ The person has an open wound over a suspected fracture or where bone or muscle is exposed.
- ☑ The person's condition is limb-threatening [*for example: lack of pulse, feeling, or normal color on injured limb (arm or leg/amputation; or other injuries that may leave the person permanently disabled unless he/she receives immediate care)*].
- ☑ Moving the person could cause further injury.
- ☑ The person needs the skills or equipment of paramedics or emergency medical technicians.
- ☑ Distance or traffic conditions would cause a delay in getting the person to the hospital.

If any of the above conditions exist, or if you are not sure, it is best to call EMS.

Once 9-1-1 Call is initiated:

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| *Remain calm and speak slowly & clearly | *Know address & directions to school |
| *Listen to all instructions | *Notify site school nurse of incident for follow-up action |
| *Don't hang up | *Provide first aid until ambulance arrives |
| *Notify your site administrator | *Provide parent/guardian contact information |
| *Notify campus police | *Accident Report (if intentional or accidental injury & any 911 call) |
| *Provide medical information | *Complete Irregular Occurrence Report, send to nursing |

Sources: American Red Cross & American College of Emergency Physicians