

# When to call 9-1-1



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# Medical Emergencies

Call 911 if you see:

- The condition is life or limb-threatening;
- The condition could worsen quickly on the way to the hospital;
- Moving the victim will cause further injury;
- The person needs skills, medication, or equipment right away that paramedics carry; or
- Distance or traffic would delay transporting the person to the hospital and could be life-threatening.



# Call **9-1-1** immediately when you or the person you support experience *any* of the following:

- Severe difficulty breathing, especially that does not improve with rest;
- Chest pain;
- A fast heartbeat (more than 120-150) at rest, especially if associated with shortness of breath or feeling faint;
- You witness someone faint/pass out or someone is unresponsive/unconscious;
- Difficulty speaking, numbness, or weakness of any part of the body;
- Sudden dizziness, weakness, or mental changes (confusion, very odd behavior, difficulty walking/standing);
- Sudden blindness or vision changes;
- Heavy bleeding from the mouth, nose, ear, vagina, or rectum that continues;
- Bleeding from any wound that will not stop with direct pressure;
- Broken bones visible through an open wound;
- Extremely hot or cold body temperature and the person appears ill or less responsive;
- Drowning or near drowning;
- Choking;
- Severe burns (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree);
- Poisoning;
- Drug overdose;
- New severe headache;
- Sudden intense severe pain;
- Someone makes a credible threat to hurt or kill themselves or someone else;
- Allergic reaction, especially if there is any difficulty breathing; or
- Seizures that last over 5 minutes, the person appears unusual or is injured.



**DO NOT ASK FOR PERMISSION FIRST.**

# You need to take immediate action.

## CDD and DDAD Waivers

404 NAC 4 001.07(H) 001.07(H) IMMEDIATE AND SERIOUS THREATS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY. When situations involving immediate and serious threats to one or more participants' health and safety are identified, the provider: (i) Upon discovery, must take immediate action to remove the risk to the identified individual and implement corrective measures to prevent further immediate and serious threat situations;

## AD and TBI Waivers

480 NAC 4 002.06(P) Be capable of recognizing signs of distress in a participant and know how to access available emergency resources if a crisis situation occurs;



# Questions?

## Email

Liberty Healthcare at [Nebraska.Quality.Help@LibertyHealth.com](mailto:Nebraska.Quality.Help@LibertyHealth.com)

OR

Nebraska DHHS-DDD at [dhhs.developmentaldisabilities@nebraska.gov](mailto:dhhs.developmentaldisabilities@nebraska.gov).

## Resources:

- <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/DDA/dda/documents/When%20to%20Call%20911.pdf>
- <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/when-to-call-for-help>

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