



A NOTE FOR YOUR PARENTS:

Children should know who to call for help in an emergency. Learning about the work of firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical service workers will help your child feel less frightened in a real emergency.

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS:

- Make sure children know their home address and phone number.
- Keep emergency numbers - police, firefighters, ambulance services, poison control centers - listed near the phone.
- Teach youngsters to dial 9-1-1. With practice, your child will know what to do in an emergency.
- Keep a medical record for each child. List medical conditions, or allergies, so local EMS teams can provide appropriate treatment.
- Make sure your babysitter knows what to do in an emergency.
- Visit your local fire house, police station, sheriff's department, or ambulance service.



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9-1-1 for kids



9-1-1
*is an emergency telephone
number that provides immediate
and direct access to fire, police,
and medical services.*

HOW DOES 9-1-1 work?

To report a crime, fire, heart attack, serious injury, or any situation requiring an immediate response, pick up the phone and dial "9," then "1," then "1" again.

When you dial 9-1-1, your call goes to a person, called a telecommunications operator, who will send the proper help - police officer, paramedic, firefighter - to serve you.

You will speak to an adult over the telephone. Make sure you can answer these important questions to ensure immediate assistance:

Your Name
Address
Phone number
Reason for calling

**DON'T HANG UP UNTIL AN
OPERATOR TELLS YOU
TO DO SO!**

WHAT CAN I DO?

The most important role you can play in any situation is to **prevent** emergencies from happening in the first place! Be smart.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT WAYS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS FROM HAPPENING:

- Never play with matches or lighters.
- Always wear your bike helmet. Not only is it safer, but for children under 12, it is also the law!
- Always buckle your seat belt, and remind your parents if they forget to put theirs on. Youngsters are better protected from danger when they sit in the back seat of an automobile.
- Never travel alone. Always use the buddy system, whether it's for a walk in the woods or in a big city with lots of people.
- Remind your parents to check the batteries in your smoke alarms. It is a good idea to make a habit of changing the batteries when the clocks are adjusted for daylight-saving time.

WHAT IS AN EMERGENCY?

Dial 9-1-1 only in emergencies where people might be seriously hurt: fires, crimes, injuries, or sickness.

So now you know, if you are in an accident or a fire, if you get sick or lost, or if something or someone frightens you, just dial 9-1-1.

Remember, if you are unsure whether or not to call 9-1-1, then calling is the safest and best thing you can do!

**Do not call 911 for
road or weather
information,
car repairs,
complaints of
excessive noise,
littering, pets up a
tree, or legal advice.**

**Use your best
judgment because
911 is only for
situations that
demand
immediate
responses!**

