

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUREAU

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UH Medical Emergency Information

Faculty and staff need to be aware of medical emergency conditions requiring immediate attention. These would include, but are not limited to:

- Chest pain
- Difficulty breathing
- Symptoms of stroke
- Altered mental status
- Loss of consciousness
- Seizures
- Overdose-accidental or intentional
- Major trauma-including head trauma with loss of consciousness or altered mental status
- Injuries
- involving more than one body part
- Severe allergic reactions with facial swelling and difficulty breathing
- Severe pain

In each of the above medical emergency conditions, **immediately notify University Police at 713-743-3333 or dial 9-1-1 from a campus phone and report the nature and severity of the medical problem and the location of the individual needing emergency medical care.** University Police will meet emergency care providers and direct them to the individual needing medical assistance. If possible, someone should stay with the individual until the University Police officer or EMT arrives. Do not move the individual unless there is an immediate threat to life (i.e. fire, dangerous fumes).

Notifying the University Health Center or transporting the individual experiencing these medical emergency conditions to the Health Center instead of immediately notifying University Police is not an appropriate, life-saving response. The Health Center is neither staffed for nor supplied with medications or devices to administer Advanced Life Support.

In case of an ocular (eye) emergency, please notify the University Eye Institute Ocular Diagnostic and Medical Eye Service at 713-743-2010 immediately. Symptoms that require prompt attention include sudden loss of vision, seeing flashes of light, unusual light sensitivity, extreme pain, and/or redness of the eye(s). Licensed practitioners are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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