When to call 9-1-1

Don’t hesitate to dial 9-1-1 if:

1. **A fire breaks out:** Any fire including extinguished fires — merits a 9-1-1 call. A fire can grow and spread rapidly, so call right away. Even if you put out the flames on your own using a fire extinguisher, call 9-1-1. But be sure to make it clear that you are reporting an “extinguished” fire so that the fire department can respond appropriately.

2. **Hazardous materials emergencies:** Call 9-1-1 for any hazmat situation that threatens life, health, property, the environment, or any explosion or over pressurization of a vessel (no matter the vessel size).

3. **Medical emergencies:** Call 9-1-1 immediately for any life-threatening medical problem. This can include chest pain, choking, difficulty speaking, drowning, numbness, poisoning, sudden intense pain, severe burns, and other serious medical problems.

4. And finally, because for all of the above reasons and it is campus policy. *(PPM Section 390-40)*

If you’re not sure about the answer to the above questions, call 9-1-1 and the trained dispatcher will help advise you. It is better to be safe and let the 9-1-1 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance.

Always err on the side of caution. When in doubt, call!

For more information please contact

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