

SAFE AT HOME, SAFE ALONE



HANDLING EMERGENCIES



Do you need to call 911 for help? Can a trusted adult help? Can you handle it yourself?

An Emergency is:

A situation you need immediate help for. It could be inside the house like a fire or a break in. It must be serious. An asthma attack or allergic reaction can quickly become life threatening.

Emergencies require calling 911 for help immediately.

A Non-EMERGENCY is a PROBLEM YOU CAN SOLVE.

This might be a situation inside the house: a toilet over-flowing or a faucet that keeps dripping. This might be weather related: the electricity goes off. This may be minor first aid to a person: a scrape or insect sting.

These are incidents you can fix or call a trusted adult to help.

A Problem is a Routine ACTIVITY YOU CAN HANDLE.

These are some examples: spilling your glass of milk, losing your homework, finding a pencil, or stubbing your toe.

These are everyday situations that can handle on your own.

Emergency, Non-Emergency, or Problem

Read the situation below and circle E- for emergency, N- non-emergency, or P- problem. Think about if it is a dangerous situation, a situation you can solve, or not an emergency at all.

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| 1. You cut your finger on a piece of glass and it is bleeding but under control. | E | N | P |
| 2. You were playing with matches in the house and the trashcan caught on fire. | E | N | P |
| 3. You cannot find your allowance money. | E | N | P |
| 4. Your older sister went upstairs to take a bath a half hour ago. You just looked up at the ceiling and saw water dripping out of the light fixture. | E | N | P |
| 5. You came home after school and smelled gas. You checked the stove burners and they are all off. | E | N | P |
| 6. You are watching TV and across the top of the screen is a weather message that says there is a fire warning for your area. | E | N | P |
| 7. You went out to the garage to empty the trash and now you are locked out of the house. | E | N | P |
| 8. Your brother was eating a ham sandwich and suddenly he has trouble breathing. He is on the floor, red in the face and gasping for air. | E | N | P |
| 9. You dropped a bag of pretzels and they fell all over the floor. | E | N | P |
| 10. You were outside in the yard and you stepped on a bee. It is very red and your whole foot is swollen. | E | N | P |