International Student Guide: When to Seek Emergency Services

Student Health Services **DOESNOT** respond to emergencies on campus, as this can lead to unnecessary delays in more appropriate emergency care. **Please call 911!**

You should **ONLY** visit the emergency room if you are experiencing a life-threatening medical condition. Keep in mind that if you go to the Emergency Room for non-emergency situation, there is no guarantee of medical coverage and it is more expensive.

What is considered an Emergency? If a person could die or be permanently disabled, it is an emergency.

Call 911, such as for:

Choking

Stopped breathing

Head injury with passing out, fainting, or confusion

Injury to neck or spine, particularly if there is loss of feeling or inability to move

Electric shock or lightning strike

Severe burn

Severe chest pain and pressure

Seizure that lasted more than 1 minute or from which the person does not rapidly awaken

Go to an emergency department or call 911 for problems such as:

Trouble breathing

Passing out, fainting

Pain in the arm or jaw

Unusual or bad headache, particularly if it started suddenly

Suddenly not able to speak, see, walk, or move

Suddenly weak or drooping on one side of the body

Dizziness or weakness that does not go away

Inhales smoke or poisonou Bly