



Use Emergency Ambulances responsibly

999 - when to call?



When you should call 999

- Road traffic accidents
 - Acute chest pain suggestive of a heart attack
 - Chest pain in somebody with known angina, not relieved by using GTN spray
 - Suspected meningitis
 - Acute difficulty breathing
 - Severe bleeding
 - Collapse and unconsciousness
 - Severe allergy/anaphylaxis, affecting airway and breathing
 - Stroke
- DO NOT call because waiting times for GP out of hours or A&E are too long

When you should call the GP or out of hours cooperative

- Concerns about an ill child
- Abdominal pain
- Breathing problems
- High fever of unknown cause
- Any pains that are deemed to be too severe to wait until next morning
- Any other health problems that are deemed to be urgent and cannot wait until the GP surgery opens next day
- If unsure call



When you should go to your nearest MIU or A&E department

- Accidents that require medical attention
- Minor injuries that require dressing and wound care
- Lacerations that require suturing
- Suspected fractures
- Sprains that cannot wait until next morning
- Burns and scalds

Above are some examples which might help you in making your decision whether to call 999, and what other options there are.



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