

# Calling 911: What You Need to Know

We all find ourselves in scary situations now and then. Some of these situations are dangerous and some are just scary. How do we know when to call 911?

911 is there to help you in an emergency, such as a car accident or fire. When you call 911 and you don't have an emergency to report, you could be keeping someone who truly needs help from getting it.

## An Emergency **IS**

Something that could result in death or severe injury to someone. **Call 911!**

These **are** emergencies:

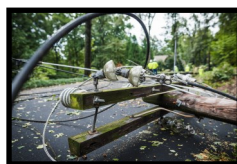
### Fire



### Serious Car accident



### Electrical Emergency

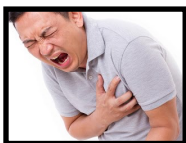


### Unconscious Person



### Severe Pain or Injury

(Possible heart attack, severe seizure, broken bone, etc.)



## If You're Not Sure:

Sometimes it can be hard to tell if something is serious enough to call 911.

Should you call 911?

### NO

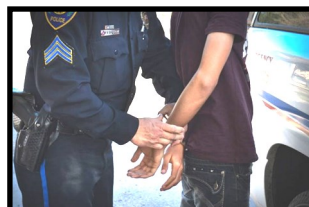
- \* Power goes out
- \* Minor car accident - no injuries

### MAYBE

- \* Someone falls in the dark
- \* Minor car accident - possible injuries

If you see something that looks scary, and you're not sure if it's an emergency or not, it's best to be safe and call 911.

Calling 911 when there is no emergency is illegal. You could be charged with a crime if you call repeatedly. Most 911 centers have caller ID, so they know who is calling them.

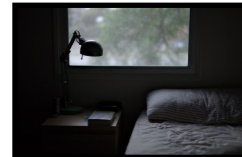


## An Emergency is **NOT**:

Something that seems scary, but probably won't seriously hurt anyone. **Don't** call 911.

These **are not** emergencies:

### Power Outage



### Cat in Tree



### Being Bored or Lonely



### Mad at Someone



If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, dial 988 or 1-800-273-8255 for help!