

# Minutes matter. Call 911.



**Trauma ● Stroke ● Heart Attack**

With Missouri's new Time Critical Diagnosis System, emergency care starts the minute you dial 911.



Missouri's New  
**Time Critical Diagnosis System**  
*for emergency medical care*

# Call 911 for a quick response and quality care.

When a medical emergency happens, a quick response is key to treatment, recovery and survival.

Missouri has developed a new statewide system to help ensure a quick response and high quality care when trauma, stroke or heart attack occurs.

The Time Critical Diagnosis System, or TCD system, for emergency medical care brings together the 911 emergency phone system, ambulance services and hospitals to provide the best possible care. The TCD System will benefit all Missourians — urban and rural.

Knowing when to call for help is vital. Recognizing serious trauma and learning the symptoms of stroke and heart attack will let you know when to call for emergency medical assistance. Waiting too long can cause long-lasting problems.

When you call 911, the TCD System is activated immediately. Emergency medical responders are dispatched and specialized hospital teams are alerted so they are ready for you.

Through the TCD System, patients are connected with the time sensitive emergency medical care that they need. When time sensitive emergency medical care is initiated, the chances for survival and improved recovery from a serious injury, heart attack or stroke increase. Remember, knowing when to call 911 is vital.

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