

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Medical emergencies may be as severe as a death, or as common as a minor injury incurred by someone on campus during normal activities. Such an injury may occur to faculty, staff, students, and visitors to campus and as a general rule all cases will be handled in the same manner. The Wittenberg University Police Department has officers trained in first aid, CPR, AED operation, and advanced emergency responder techniques and also maintains a professional dispatcher who is trained to communicate with 911 and emergency response agencies.

Should medical transport be necessary, it may be performed by Police, or through ambulance services, depending upon the severity of the illness or injury.

It is important to note that in all cases 911 should be your first call. Typically, campus police can respond much quicker than city medics if you feel it not an emergency. Once on scene, campus police can provide updated information and render first aid.

In most cases, Wittenberg Police will perform any needed notifications to supervisors, Student Services, and/or others who need to be informed of an illness or injury. In all cases, a detailed incident report will be filed on the incident.

If someone becomes ill or is injured and requires immediate assistance:

- Use every resource available (911, phone app, training etc.) to render any first aid before trained assistance arrives.
- Before rendering any assistance, observe the individual and the surrounding area and check for any outside substance that may pose a hazard to anyone rendering assistance (drugs, hazardous, or infectious materials, etc.)
- Call 911 – if time allows call Wittenberg Police at 937-327-6363
- Do not attempt to move a person who has fallen and appears to be in pain
- Do not allow the person to eat or drink anything
- Limit your communication with the ill/injured person to quiet reassurances
- After the person's immediate needs have been taken care of, remain to assist the investigating officer with pertinent information about the incident
- Planning for such emergencies includes being trained in first aid and CPR