

Things to Consider When Bringing Your Child with Special Needs to the Emergency Department



In a true emergency, call 911.

When you call 911, tell the dispatcher your child has autism.

Tell the EMS team when they arrive, too.

When you come to the Emergency Department,

Tell the person who is registering you that you have a child with special needs. Ask that everyone involved in your child's care is notified.

Tell our staff how we can help your child.

Our goal is to help reduce your stress. Tell us what we can do to help you.

Let our staff know how your child likes to communicate.

We have iPads with special software to help assist in communication.

Bring a favorite toy or item that gives your child comfort.

We have a sensory box with items your child might enjoy but a personal favorite may help to ease your child's anxiety.

Hospital staff work at a fast pace.

Remind us to slow down if you think that will be helpful.

You know your child best.

Tell us what you need and how we can help.



**We are Autism Friendly
and here to help you.**

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