

The 3 H's and Scene Safety



In every emergency situation, personal and scene safety is critical. You never want to put yourself, bystanders or the patient in unnecessary or further danger...

3 simple steps to follow:

H – hazards.  Make sure that the area in which the emergency has taken place in is safe before you approach. Remove any potentially hazardous items such as toys, tables, chairs, bags and other people, to name just a few before you proceed to the patient.

H – hello.  Check to see if the patient is conscious or unconscious. If conscious, introduce yourself and obtain permission to proceed with treatment. If the patient is unconscious, you will have to presume that the patient would have agreed to treatment if they were able to do so – this is referred to as implied consent.

H – help.



When you have established that there is a need for further medical assistance, you will need to contact the Emergency Services.