



Many trips to the ER involve sudden injuries. These injuries are often caused by the following:



Falls



Choking



Electric Shock



Stroke



Poisoning



Burns or  
Smoke Inhalation



Firearms or  
Other Weapons



Bicycle or  
Car Crashes

## Remember for a Life-Threatening Emergency, Always Call 911.

If you are seriously ill or injured, it may be safer to be transported by ambulance.

To learn more about the Medicaid Clinic visit [StMartinHospital.org](http://StMartinHospital.org)

**ER vs DR**

## Is it an Emergency?

Deciding whether your illness or injury is a true emergency can be hard when you feel sick or are in pain. While the hospital's emergency department (ER) is prepared for every kind of medical emergency, there is a new option available at St. Martin Hospital Specialty Center.

The Medicaid Clinic at St. Martin Hospital Specialty Center provides treatment for common illnesses and minor injuries. The hospital ER treats patients based on the severity of their conditions, not in order of who gets there first. The Medicaid Clinic sees patients on a "first come first served" basis, with limited wait time.

**MEDICAID CLINIC | (337) 442-6506**

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

No appointment needed. Walk-ins welcome.



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A true emergency is when you believe a severe injury or illness is life-threatening. If you or an unborn baby could die or be permanently disabled then you need emergency medical treatment immediately.

### When to Go to the Emergency Room?

Emergency medical attention may be needed if you have any of the following:

- **Trouble breathing**
- **Uncontrolled bleeding**
- **Seizures**
- **Changes in vision**
- **Difficulty speaking**
- **Suicidal or homicidal feelings**
- **Head injury** with passing out, fainting, confusion
- **Chest or upper stomach pain or pressure**
- **Coughing or vomiting blood**
- **Unconsciousness or difficulty waking** with changes in mental status or unusual behavior
- **Injury to neck or spine**, especially if there is loss of feeling or not able to move
- **A severe burn** or burn that involves hands, feet, groin, chest or face
- **Suddenly not able to** speak, see, walk or move
- **Suddenly weak** or drooping on one side of the body
- **Dizziness or weakness** that does not go away
- **Suspected poisoning** or overdose of drugs or alcohol
- **Broken bone**, with loss of movement, especially if the bone is pushing through the skin
- **A cut that is large or deep**, and/or involves the head, chest or stomach
- **Neck stiffness** with fever



A trip to the hospital is NOT needed for most medical conditions. However if you have a common illness or minor injury, do not wait too long to get medical treatment. If you have any of the following go to the new Medicaid Clinic at St. Martin Hospital Specialty Center.

### When to Go to the Medicaid Clinic?

- **Any cough or cold that does not get better** in several days, or a cough that gets worse and is accompanied by a fever
- **Migraines**
- **Low-grade fevers**
- **Rash**, especially if there is a fever
- **Minor broken bones and sprains**
- **Cuts that might need stitches**
- **Minor burns**
- **Severe or constant vomiting or diarrhea**
- **Animal and insect bites**
- **Allergies / sinus**
- **Headache / stomachache**
- **Earache**
- **Pink eye**
- **Painful urination**