

# Basic American Sign Language Words for Emergency Personnel and Responders



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Now that you have been introduced to the alphabet, it is time to learn a list of words all first responders should know. Remember, when you are unable to think of the sign, you can always fingerspell the word.

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This module, American Sign Language (ASL) Words for Emergency Personnel and Responders, will present a list of 36 words to be used with someone who has hearing loss. These words will have you communicating at ease. This module allows you to help someone rather than being a bystander until an interpreter arrives. It also allows you to build trust between you and the deaf individual.

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**Basic ASL Words for Emergency Personnel and Responders**

- Yes
- No
- Stop
- Go
- Now
- Pain/Hurt
- EMT

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**ASL Words**

- Paramedic
- Doctor
- Nurse
- Ambulance
- Emergency
- Hospital
- Help
- Leave/Evacuate

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### ASL Words

- Firefighter/Fireman
- Fire
- Policeman/Police
- Heart/Chest
- Blood/Bleeding
- Oxygen
- Accident
- Allergy

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### ASL Words

- Medicine/Pills
- Shot/Needle
- Sit
- Lay
- Wait
- Stay
- Sick
- Vomiting
- Stroke

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### ASL Words

- Breathe
- Family
- Friend
- Deaf

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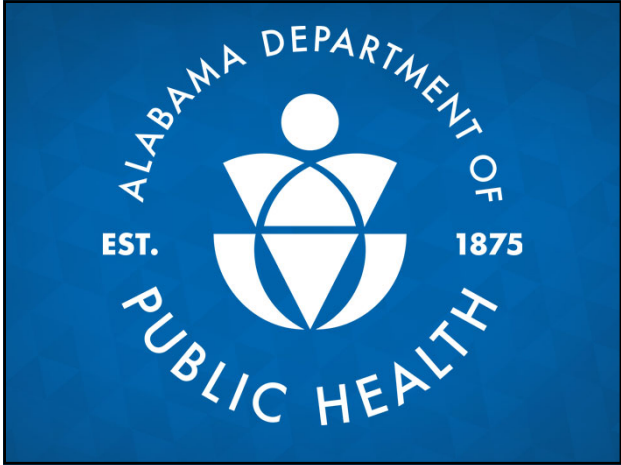
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