

# Stroke is an Emergency

HOW TO SPOT A STROKE

# FAST

## FACE DROOPING

Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

## ARM WEAKNESS

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

## SPEECH DIFFICULTY

Is speech slurred, is her or she unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is the sentence repeated correctly?

## TIME TO CALL 9-1-1

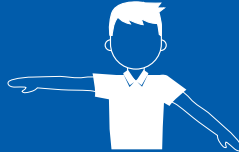
If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get him or her to the hospital immediately.

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## Face

Smile and see if one side of the face droops



## Arms

Raise both arms. Does one arm drop down?



## Speech

Say a short phrase and check for slurred or strange speech.



## Time

If the answer to any of these is yes, call 911 right away and write down the time when symptoms started.

# Act FAST Call 911

