

Emergency numbers

Emergency 9-1-1 is the universal emergency phone number for residents of the United States. During a disaster do not call 9-1-1 unless the situation is life threatening. Children should be taught how to use 9-1-1. More information can be gathered at www.911.state.tx.us

Call 8-1-1 One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground utility lines marked for free. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your local One Call Center. Local One Call Center operators will ask you for the location of your digging job and route your call to affected utility companies. Your utility companies will then send a professional locator to your location to mark your lines within a few days. Once your underground lines have been marked, you will know the approximate location of your utility lines and can dig safely, because knowing what's below protects you and your family. *Always call 811 before starting any digging project!* <http://www.call811.com/>

Texas First Call for Help 2-1-1 this is a non-emergency information and referral hotline. It is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week to Texas residents. Trained specialist can provide information on resources to help people in need. During a disaster this hotline will provide evacuation routes and locations for food and shelter. For more information, visit the 2-1-1 website: www.211.org

Texas Poison Control Center If you suspect an individual has ingested or inhaled a toxic substance immediately call the poison control center at (800) 222-1222 for 24/7 help. Trained specialist will provide instructions on how to handle the incident. For more information, visit the Texas Poison Control Center www.poisoncontrol.org

Texas Department of State Health Services offers current information and fact sheets on emergency preparedness for families, professionals and responders. For more information visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/compreg

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