

**TEXT  
911**



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**Text** if you can't

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## What is Text 911?

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The ability to send a text message to reach 911 emergency call centers from your mobile phone/device.

## Who does Text 911 help?

- Tennesseans who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or have a speech disorder
- Tennesseans in a situation where texting 911 is safer (i.e. burglary, domestic violence, abduction, human trafficking)
- Tennesseans in a medical emergency where speaking is not feasible (i.e. allergic reaction, stroke)
- Tennesseans who are older and have fallen down

## Why does Tennessee need Text 911?

- It will save lives
- If a 911 call drops, it is only 20% likely a person will respond by call due to unknown caller ID. A text from 911 will increase the response rate by 60%

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