

Chemistry Department



If a student becomes unconscious and falls to the ground,

call 911

even if they immediately regain consciousness.

Note: if someone is falling, you may catch them or try to break their fall if it is safe for you.

If a student becomes unconscious and hits their head on something,

call 911

even if they immediately regain consciousness.

If a student appears to be unconscious in their seat or at a desk, first tap them on the shoulder and/or try to wake them up by speaking to them. If they do not wake up within 10-15 seconds,

call 911

Best option:

call on a university phone
(911 calls through university phones are monitored by campus police and will bring a faster response)

Second option:

call on a cell phone

If a student is conscious but does not respond to repeated inquiries,

call 911

After you call 911:

- If the student regains consciousness, help the student to the inner hallway (or hallway) to wait for emergency responders. Sit them on the floor so that they will not be further injured if they pass out again.
- Send a student to the stockroom to ask for help. Staff (including student workers) are allowed to sit with a recovering student until the emergency responders arrive.
- You can resume teaching if someone else is able to wait with the student.
- File an incident report at <https://www.gvsu.edu/labsafety/incident-reporting-106.htm>