



Basic Signs for EMT and Firefighters

Sample Vocabulary/Phrases:

- ✓ **Where are you hurt?**
- ✓ **Do you have friends or family to notify?**
- ✓ **Do you have allergies?**
- ✓ **When did the pain start?**
- ✓ **Is anyone in the house?**

***IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** This seminar is not meant to replace or substitute for the presences of a qualified American Sign Language Interpreter. We are simply providing a training opportunity that may improve the short-term communication during emergency situations.*

To find out more information about our customized sign language seminars at your business or organization, contact:

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Why...

Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (Department of Distance Education) has developed new training program to support first responders in the area with basic American Sign Language signs called "Signing in the Workplace". The intent of this training program is to serve as a resource for Emergency Medical Professionals, and other potential first responders who may need to communicate with Deaf (ASL user) before the arrival of a qualified sign language interpreter. Even under the best circumstances, a considerable amount of time passes before a qualified interpreter arrives. Knowing basic, common vocabulary may help to bridge the gap and allow first responders the ability to communicate and understand those who are Deaf or use ASL to communicate.

How...

Initial trainings are conducted face to face. MVEESC professionals work specifically with the organization to accommodate the needs of the workplace (on-site, off-site, full-day, and half-day seminars available. However, the follow-up is what is what is critical for participants. As educators, we know how important practice is to remember the things that we learn. MVEESC will provide follow-up anytime (asynchronous) access to the information presented during the seminar that can be used for review. In addition, YouTube playlists will allow the individual mobile access to information at the scene.

When...

Seminars available beginning November 1, 2017. Contact Leslie Charles to set up your preferred seminar time/date.