How to quickly make an emergency call with any smartphone

How to make an emergency call on iPhone

From the lock screen

- If the phone is locked and you are unable to unlock it, you can quickly make an emergency call from the passcode screen by tapping “Emergency.” This will bring up a keypad where you can dial 9-1-1.

Enable Emergency SOS

Emergency SOS is a feature built into all newer iPhones that allows you to make an emergency call almost instantly by pressing two buttons simultaneously on your phone.

Go to Settings

Find Emergency SOS

Adjust the settings

- To make an emergency call, click and hold your side (or top) button and either one of the volume buttons -OR- press the side button multiple times quickly until a screen with a slider labeled “Emergency SOS” appears.
- Drag the slider to the right to make a call. Your iPhone will make an audible alarm and begin a countdown before it automatically makes a call.
    - To turn off the countdown, go to Settings > Emergency SOS and tap the toggle next to Countdown Sound.

*From this page, you can also set up emergency contacts and Medical ID

To sign up for alerts on an iPhone

- Go to Settings
- Find Notifications
- Scroll to the very bottom
- Toggle the alerts you want to receive

How to make an emergency call on Android

On Android devices, you can quickly make an emergency call by bypassing your lock screen and without unlocking your device.

It may be different depending on the manufacturer or model of your phone, but with Android, making an emergency call is very straightforward:

- Drag up from the bottom to access the pin screen
- Tap “Emergency call” at the bottom of the screen.

When the dialer is visible, dial the number for your local emergency services, like 9-1-1.

How to enter emergency information on an Android

- Go to device settings
- Find Safety & Emergency
- Enter your information

*You can also sign up for emergency alerts and add emergency contacts from this page