If an emergency medical situation arises which you feel requires immediate medical assistance, the following information will be helpful.

**Pompiers (Fire Brigade Department):** dial **18.** The pompiers may send one of their own ambulances or they may alert S.A.M.U., or SOS Medecins. They arrive on the scene faster and can provide basic life support. If a patient's condition is unclear or appears critical, a car with specially trained firemen is usually sent ahead to administer first aid.

In France, the **S.A.M.U.** is the national emergency organization. It has a 24-hour service and gives medical assistance for all medical emergencies. Its ambulances are manned by teams of trained personnel, and are equipped with emergency equipment for any cardiac or respiratory resuscitation. To reach SAMU, simply dial **15 or 01 45 67 50 50.**

**S.A.M.U. should be called for life-threatening conditions that require the assistance of trained medical professionals. These include: cardiac or respiratory emergencies (chest pain and/or shortness of breath), severe bleeding, severe asthma, stroke, and trauma resulting in multiple injuries.**

Be brief and concise when speaking with S.A.M.U. and give the precise address or location (if at home or in another building, please indicate the floor and the door code if any), your phone number, the caller and victim's names, the age of the victim and a description of his medical condition.

You may be transferred directly to an English-speaking specialist in the emergency services who will identify the type of emergency based upon the information you give (he/she may decide to refer your call to another ambulance service, i.e. SOS Medecins, in the case of a less critical emergency). SOS Medecins is a private company for less critical medical emergencies and house calls. They can be reached at **01 47 07 77 77.**

**A family member or bystander who is aware of the situation may escort the emergency medical team if needed.**
Paris - Emergency Services – Telephone Numbers

See also list of doctors http://photos.state.gov/libraries/france/5/acs/paris-doctors.pdf

Emergency numbers are listed in the front of all telephone directories

U.S. Embassy
Tel: 01 43 12 22 22 (switchboard)
In case of emergency during office hours, dial 0 (zero) and ask for the
Special Consular Services Unit; after office hours ask for the Duty Officer.

Police (Police Secours) Telephone: 17
Fire Department (pompiers) Telephone: 18

S.A.M.U.: (National Emergency Medical Team/Ambulance) Telephone 15
Tel: 01 45 67 50 50

SOS Medecins (private company for emergency doctors) Tel: 01 47 07 77 77
SOS MEDECINS is a private company for less critical medical emergencies and house calls.

Ambulance: Sainte-Marie
American Hospital: 63 blvd. Victor Hugo, 92202 Neuilly
Anti-Poison Center:
Hôpital Cochin: (Emergency Sevices)
Emergency services for Burns

Hôpital Necker (Children, Emergency Care)
146-151 rue de Sevres 75015 Paris

Hôpital Percy (For very serious burns)
101, avenue Henri Barbusse, 92140 Clamart

Tel: 01 41 46 60 00
(switchboard)
SOS Dentists  
**weekdays 7:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
(Private company for emergencies)  
**weekends 6:00 pm – midnight**  
Tel: 01 42 46 11 20

**SOS Drugs** (Hôpital Marmottan)  
(private company for emergencies)  
Tel: 01 43 37 51 00

**SOS Drogue International**  
61 rue Pajol, 75018 Paris  
Emergencies for Drug Addicts  
Tel: 01 55 87 55 55

**SOS Help**  
**English-speaking hotline open daily**  
(Only from 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)  
Tel: 01 46 21 46 46

**Pharmacies (open 24 hrs):**

**Pharmacie des Champs Elysées**  
84, avenue des Champs Elysées  
75008 Paris  
Tel: 01 45 62 02 41

**Grande Pharmacie Daumesnil**  
6 place Felix Ebou  
75012 Paris  
Tel: 01 43 43 19 03

**United States Embassy**  
**American Citizen Services**  
4, avenue Gabriel  
75382 Paris Cedex 08  
France  
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