

Read the info on a real ER, and complete the activities below.

Emergency Department

Northern Inyo Hospital's Emergency Department is the only emergency department in Bishop, CA and in Northern Inyo County. Our emergency department provides medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are committed to safe, quality care when you need it the most.



Northern Inyo Hospital is a critical access hospital licensed by the state of California. Our emergency department has 8 beds and is staffed with a team trained to respond to any emergency medical situation.

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Services

Northern Inyo Healthcare District's Emergency Department medical team provides treatment and care for:

- Acute respiratory distress
- Confusion/change in mental state
- Loss of balance, strength, sensation, or ability to see or speak
- Acute chest pain
- Acute abdominal pain
- Laceration repair and wound care
- Extremity injuries, broken bones and dislocated joints
- Minor trauma
- Stabilization and transport of major trauma
- Infections
- Diabetic complications
- Eye, ear, nose and throat problems
- Dehydration
- Early Pregnancy problems
- Psychological problems
- Animal bites
- Victims of suspected/alleged abuse or assault
- Accidental poisoning and/or overdose
- Opiate withdrawal treatment/starting Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Stabilization and transport of conditions requiring specialty care not available at Northern Inyo Healthcare District

Should This Patient Go to the Emergency Department?

Instructions: Read each case and choose the best option:

→ / Yes, go to the Emergency Department → / No, go somewhere else

- A 65-year-old man suddenly develops chest pain and shortness of breath.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A child has had a mild fever and runny nose for two days but is eating and drinking normally.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A woman in early pregnancy begins experiencing severe abdominal cramps and light bleeding.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A man accidentally cuts his hand while cooking. The cut is deep and won't stop bleeding.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A teenager feels anxious before an exam and asks for support managing test stress.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- An elderly woman suddenly becomes confused and cannot recognize her surroundings.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A man twists his ankle while hiking and cannot put weight on it.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A young adult wants help quitting opioids and is looking to start treatment.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A person with diabetes feels weak, dizzy, and confused after missing a meal.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else
- A woman calls in because her child was bitten by a neighborhood dog.
/ Yes, go to the Emergency Department / No, go somewhere else