General Medical Emergencies

A medical emergency can occur anywhere on campus. The reaction of the victim or those around him/her can ensure quick arrival of trained emergency personnel. What to do if someone is injured or becomes ill:

• Stay calm.

• Dial 4911 (or 508-626-4911 from a cell phone) and explain the type of emergency, the location of the victim, and the condition of the victim. Let the dispatcher know of any safety hazard chemical spill, fire, fumes, etc. Be sure to tell the dispatcher if the person is unconscious, not breathing, is bleeding profusely, or has chest pain. These all cause the dispatcher to summon an ambulance.

• Do not hang up unless told to do so by the dispatcher.

• Do not move the victim unless there is danger of further injury if he/she is not moved.

• Do not give the victim anything to eat or drink.

University Police officers are trained as Massachusetts First Responders. All officers receive annual re-certification in First Aid and CPR and use of the department’s Automatic External Defibrillators (AED).