

Prepare kids for emergencies

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ANCHOR LEDE: During summer, kids may spend a lot of time with older family members. It's a fun time, but it has the potential to become dangerous if the older adult suffers an emergency. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare has some tips to keep everyone safe.

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Children might know what to do in an emergency at home, but they may be lost in a different setting.

OSF stroke coordinator Leslie Ingold says vital information like addresses, phone numbers, and health needs should be written down by the land line phone or in the child's cell phone. Also, walk through how to call 9-1-1.

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**Leslie Ingold, OSF HealthCare stroke coordinator**

**"Kids shouldn't be afraid to call for help. They shouldn't be afraid that a dispatcher will say 'are you teasing me? Is this a prank call?'" (:06)**

For OSF HealthCare, I'm Tim Ditman.

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ANCHOR TAG: Also, tell kids to check on their elders often in case they have suffered a medical event. Tidy up trip hazards like toys and video game cords. And teach them to unlock the front door when first responders need to get in.