

Signs of Stroke

Stroke is an emergency! Get care fast! Stroke symptoms come on **suddenly**. When someone is having even one sign of a stroke you want to: **BE FAST!**

B – Balance

Is there a sudden loss of balance or coordination?

- To check, ask the person to walk in a straight line or touch their finger to their nose.

E – Eyes

Are there sudden vision changes?

- To check, ask if the person has double vision or cannot see out of one eye.

F – Face

Does one side of the face droop?

- To check, ask the person to smile.

A – Arm

Does one arm drift downward?

- To check, ask the person to raise both arms.

S – Speech

Are the words slurred? Is speech confused?

- To check, ask the person to repeat a sentence.

T – Terrible Headache

- To check, ask the person if they are having a sudden severe headache?

If you believe someone is having a stroke, call 911 right away.

Call 911! Time is Brain.

The other signs that can signal a stroke include:

- **Sudden** numbness or weakness of any body part, often on one side of the body
- **Sudden** trouble walking because of dizziness.

Quick treatment may save your life or prevent disability. **Even if your symptoms lessen or go away, call for help.**