

# If you have a medical emergency or you're in labor, you have rights

In an emergency room you have the right to:

**2** Stabilizing treatment until your emergency medical condition is stabilized, or

**1** An appropriate medical screening exam to check for an emergency medical condition, and if you have one,

**3** An appropriate transfer to another hospital with higher capabilities if you need it

You can't be denied your rights for any reason, including:



If you have health insurance or not



Your race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, or age



If you can't pay for treatment



If you aren't a U.S. citizen

Everyone in the U.S. is protected by a federal law called the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act or "EMTALA."

If you believe your rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the federal government or your State Survey Agency.

To learn more about your EMTALA rights, scan the QR code below or go to: [CMS.gov/emtala](https://www.cms.gov/emtala)



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