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*How to place a 911 call regarding a planned homebirth.
Keep this posted near your phone.*

- Remain calm! Speak clearly and slowly.
- Dial 911 and wait for the operator to ask about your emergency.
- Remain on the phone until they tell you that you can hang up.

Emergency BEFORE the birth of the baby:

- Say: "We need an ambulance for a woman in labor. This is a planned home birth and there is a midwife in attendance. She is busy with the woman in labor so I am calling for her." Tell them who you are. (Husband, mother, friend, assistant, etc.)
- Give the details that are given to you by the midwife. (weeks gestation, dilation, fetal heart tones, condition of mother, etc)
- Give your address and be ready to give directions that will help to locate your home quickly. (especially if you live in the country or an apartment)
- If you live in an upstairs apartment (or the laboring woman is upstairs) give the operator this information and request a STAIR CHAIR for transport.
- When you get off the phone, turn on porch lights (at night) & keep an eye out for the ambulance.

Emergency AFTER the birth of the baby:

- Say: "We have just had a baby born at home. This was a planned home birth and there is a midwife in attendance. However, the (baby/mother) needs transport to the hospital because... (Provide the information given to you by the midwife)."
- If the baby or mother is already on oxygen, say so. However, tell them we will need more oxygen from the EMS.
- Give your address and be ready to give directions that will help to locate your home quickly. (especially if you live in the country or an apartment)
- If the emergency is for the mother and you live upstairs, request a STAIR CHAIR for transport.
- When you get off the phone, turn on porch lights (at night) & keep an eye out for the ambulance.