

PASSING OUT

doesn't mean sleeping it off.

Alcohol Poisoning A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Signs and Symptoms

- Unconsciousness or semiconsciousness
- Slow respirations (breaths) of eight or less per minute, or lapses between respirations of more than eight seconds.
- Cold, clammy, pale, or bluish skin.
- In the event of alcohol poisoning, these signs and symptoms will most likely be accompanied by a strong odor of alcohol.
- While these are obvious signs of alcohol poisoning, the list is certainly not all inclusive.

Appropriate Action

- If you encounter a person who exhibits one or more of the signs and symptoms, do what you would do in any medical emergency: **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**
- While waiting for 911 transport, gently turn the intoxicated person on his/her side and maintain that position by placing a pillow in the small of the person's back. This is important to prevent aspiration (choking) should the person vomit. Stay with the person until medical help arrives.