

Emergency Healthcare

Key Word Signs (Auslan)



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<p>ambulance</p>	<p>breathe</p>	<p>calm down</p>	<p>doctor</p>	<p>finished</p>
<p>go</p>	<p>good</p>	<p>help</p>	<p>home</p>	<p>hospital</p>
<p>I / Me</p>	<p>It's ok.</p>	<p>lie down</p>	<p>listen</p>	<p>look</p>
<p>medicine</p>	<p>more</p>	<p>sick</p>	<p>sit down</p>	<p>sore / pain</p>
<p>stand up</p>	<p>stop</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>	<p>Where?</p>	<p>You</p>



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Key Word Sign Descriptions



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AMBULANCE

Extend dominant index and middle fingers, palm facing body and fingers pointing up. Place this formation behind open non-dominant hand held at chest height, palm down. Move extended fingers of dominant hand in a small circle, twice.

BREATHE

Hold flat dominant hand on chest with fingers spread. Move formation forward away from chest and back to chest, once.

CALM DOWN

Place open dominant hand on chest, palm on body. Move hand down off chest, twice. *May use both hands, alternating

DOCTOR

Extend dominant thumb, index and middle fingers. Hold non-dominant wrist with dominant hand formation.

FINISHED

Extend dominant thumb, fingers closed. Rock hand formation from side to side several times.

GO

Hold flat dominant hand close to body, palm facing in. Swing hand out finishing with fingers forward. *With directionality.

GOOD

Extend dominant thumb, close rest of fingers into fist, thumb pointing up, move forward with stress (natural gesture).

HELP

Place dominant hand bent at third knuckles, palm down, onto non-dominant palm. Or may place dominant hand onto non-dominant hand, palms together. Move formation forward. *With directionality.

HOME

Hold cupped dominant hand palm facing forward. Move hand up and over in a forward arc.

HOSPITAL

Extend index finger of dominant hand. Draw a cross on non-dominant upper arm.

I / ME

Point to self using extended dominant index finger (natural gesture).

IT'S OK.

Hold dominant hand in fist with thumb extended and palm facing down. Move formation in small forward circles.

LIE DOWN

Hold non-dominant hand flat with palm up. Lay index and middle finger of dominant hand onto palm with palm up. Sweep forward towards fingertips.

LISTEN

Place a slightly cupped dominant hand behind ear on same side, palm forward (or use natural gesture appropriate to the context).

LOOK

Move dominant index finger forward from eye (natural gesture). *May use index and middle fingers slightly apart.

MEDICINE

Extend dominant little finger. Form an "O" with fingers and thumb of non-dominant hand. "Stir" little finger of dominant hand into non-dominant formation.

MORE

Cup dominant hand, fingers spread and place fingertips on centre chest. Move hand forward.

SICK

Extend dominant little finger. Slide little finger edge down same side of upper chest. *May use two hands.

SIT DOWN

Place open dominant hand on back of non-dominant hand and move formation down slightly. *With placement.

SORE / PAIN

Shake open dominant hand, fingers spread, twice in front of body or over location of pain.

STAND UP

Open hands, palms up. Move hands upwards (natural gesture).

STOP

Move open dominant hand forward, palm away from body, from shoulder height (natural gesture).

THANK YOU.

Move fingertips of open dominant hand, palm towards body, forward from chin, once. *May use two hands.

WHERE?

Open both hands, palms up. Simultaneously move each hand from side to side, in opposite directions, twice.

YOU

Point extended dominant index finger towards person or people (natural gesture).

