

# Why Medical IDs are Important

**Medical IDs** are a simple way to communicate important information during an emergency.



## Wearing a Medical ID can Help:

- Eliminate ambulance trips
- Reduce hospital admissions
- Prevent major emergencies

**FACT:**  
Half of medical errors result from hospital admission or discharge mistakes

## Who Looks at Medical IDs?

**Emergency personnel are trained to look for medical IDs**

when assessing patients, but medical IDs can also help before 9-1-1 is called.



- Paramedics
- Fire fighters
- Police



- ER Staff
- Teachers
- Coworkers



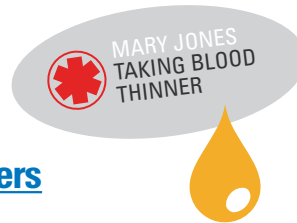
- Friends and Family

## What Medical IDs Do:

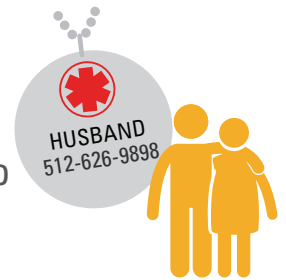
Warn about allergies to foods and drugs



Inform about medications such as insulin and **blood thinners**



Speak for those who cannot



## Common Reasons to Wear a Medical ID

- Allergies > (Foods, Drugs or Insects)
- Alzheimer's >
- Autism >
- Cancer or transplant patient >
- Diabetes >
- Epilepsy >
- Heart conditions >
- Rare diseases
- Stroke risk
- Taking certain medications