

# SAFETY TIPS: RECOGNIZING STROKE SYMPTOMS



Every year, strokes affect almost 795,000 Americans – killing nearly 130,000 people and forever changing the lives of many who survive. It is important to recognize stroke symptoms and act fast. Immediate medical attention can save a life and limit disabilities.

Early recognition, quick intervention and new emergency treatments can help stop the brain damage and disability that often follow a stroke.

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**If you suspect someone is suffering a stroke, use the FAST test to remember the warning signs:**

**F**

**FACE**

Ask the person to smile.  
Does one side of the face droop?

**A**

**ARMS**

Ask the person to raise both arms.  
Does one arm drift downward?

**S**

**SPEECH**

Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence.  
Does the speech sound slurred or strange?

**T**

**TIME**

If you observe any of these signs (independently or together), **call 911 immediately.**