Learn Japanese Pod with Ami and Alex
Podcast 39: Calling an ambulance in Japanese

In this lesson you will learn the following:

✓ How to call an ambulance in an emergency

✓ How to describe injuries and illness to emergency services
Introduction
In this lesson you will learn how to call for an ambulance during a medical emergency. You’ll also learn related phrases for describing people’s physical condition including injuries and illness.

How to study
This lesson includes the main podcast lesson, PDF show notes and an extra audio drill. You can find all of these resources by going to https://learnjapanesepod.com and clicking on the title for this lesson.

In the main podcast lesson Ami Sensei and Alex demonstrate the main dialogue, briefly explain the grammar and talk about other Japan related topics.

Then you can use these show notes to read through and study in more depth. We include grammar and vocabulary explanations to better understand the main lesson dialogue.

Finally, you can use the Japanese dialogue only audio file to practice your listening. You can listen to the audio phrase by phrase and then repeat afterwards to practice your speaking and listening skills.

To access the audio podcast for this lesson go to https://learnjapanesepod.com and navigate to this lesson.
Main Dialog 1 - Calling an ambulance (Japanese)

A: 119番の消防ですが 火事ですか、救急ですか？
B: 救急です。
A: 救急ですね。住所を教えてください。
B: 東京都渋谷区渋谷1丁目12-13。郵便局の前です。
A: 怪我ですか病気ですか
B: 病気です。人が倒れています。
A: わかりました。あと5分ほどで救急車が到着します。

Main Dialog 1 - Calling an ambulance (Pronunciation)

A: Hyaku juu kyuu ban no shōbō desu ga, kaji desu ka, kyuukyuu desu ka?
B: Kyyukyyuu desu.
A: Kyyukyyuu desu ne. Juusho o oshiete kudasai.
B: Tōkyō to, Shibuya Ku, icchōme no juuni no juusan. Yuubinkyoku no mae desu.
A: Kega desu ka, byōki desu ka.
B: Byōki desu. Hito ga taorete imasu.
A: Wakarimashita. Ato gofun hodo de kyuukyyuusha ga tōchaku shimasu.

Main Dialog 1 - Calling an ambulance (English)

A: This is 119, Fire Department. Is it fire or a medical emergency?
B: Medical emergency.
A: Medical emergency. Please tell me your address.
B: Tokyo city, Shibuya ward, district 1-12-13
A: Is this an injury or illness?
B: Illness. The person has collapsed.
A: Understood. The ambulance should arrive in about 5 minutes.
Extra phrases for medical emergencies

Here are some extra phrases you might find useful during a medical emergency.

If you want to ask someone to call an ambulance for you, you can use the following phrase:

すみません、救急車を呼んでください

*Sumimasen, Kyuukyuusha o yonde kudasai.*
Excuse me, please call an ambulance.

It's common for the emergency services to ask you for your details including your name. For example:

お名前を教えてください

*Onamae o oshiete kudasai*
What's your name?

And you can reply with your name followed by “...desu” like this:

ジョン・スミスです

*Jon sumisu desu*
I'm Jon Smith

You might then want to explain what's happened by using the following phrases:

病人がいます

*Byōnin ga imasu*
There’s a sick person
怪我をした人がいます
*Kega o shita hito ga imasu*
There's an injured person.

If there's been a traffic accident you can say:

交通事故です
*Kōtsuu jiko desu*
There's been a traffic accident

Here are some other phrases that describe someone's medical condition. You can use these to talk about yourself or someone else:

呼吸が苦しいです
*Kokyuu ga kurushii desu*
(Someone is having) difficulty breathing

胸が苦しいです
*Mune ga kurushii*
(Someone has) a tight or painful chest

意識不明です
*Ishiki fumei desu*
(Someone is) unconscious

出血です
*Shukketsu desu*
(Someone is) bleeding.
Hi, this is Alex, the creator of Learn Japanese Pod. Thanks for downloading these show notes, I hope you find them useful. If you need any help with your Japanese or have any questions or comments please drop me a line at info@learnjapanesepod.com

You can also get the latest info on our social networky thingies below:

Learn Japanese Pod: https://dojo.learnjapanesepod.com
Discord Server: Learn Japanese Pod Discord Server
Twitter: https://twitter.com/japanesepodcast
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LearnJapanesePod/
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/learnjapanesepod/

Enjoy!

Alex