

NZSL Course Outline

New Zealand Sign Language - MySign NZSL for Emergency Services



Aims of course:

Beginners emergency related vocabulary and phrases to assist emergency services providers to make their service more accessible for the Deaf community. This 3-hour NZSL crash course is suitable for people who have never learnt NZSL in the past.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this NZSL for Emergency Services 1 crash course, learners will:

Class One Personal Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• exchange greetings and make introductions• ask about family (children, parents, siblings)• ask for clarification, correction and confirmation• learn emergency service professions (police, fire, ambulance etc.)• learn numbers 1 – 10• understand about Deaf culture – Deaf labels and NZSL interpreters
Class Two Emergency Situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• list and describe common emergency situations (earthquake, fire, tsunami, car accident, etc.)• name emergency supplies (water, medication, matches, food)• discuss wellbeing and emotions (worried, lost, cold, injured, need help)• learn about visual technologies for Deaf people• get an understanding about Deaf 111 emergency service• understand about Deaf culture - Getting attention and working with interpreters
Class Three Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• give simple directions and discuss mode of transport• learn time in NZSL (referring how long, days and months)• recount 0 – 10 and counting up to 20• discuss safety equipment and measures (fire alarm, life jacket, stay home etc.)• use non manual signals to show intensity in emergency situations

Other information:

Communication online will be in NZSL only - please leave your voice at the door. This basic rule will help you develop skills in a visual language more quickly. This 3-day (3 hour) course does not replace the right of the Deaf person to have a qualified NZSL-English interpreter.

Enjoy the course!

Merge NZ team

