

am·bu·lance S3

/ˈæmbjʊləns/

noun [countable]

a special vehicle that is used to take people who are ill or injured to hospital:

the ambulance service

ambulance staff/crew/worker

The ambulance crew removed him from the wreckage.

the ambulance service

by ambulance

Mike had to be taken by ambulance to hospital.

*Do you think we need to **call an ambulance**? (= phone to ask an ambulance to come)*

Word origin

Date: 1800–1900

Language: French

Origin: ‘place near a battle where wounds are treated’, from *ambulant* ‘walking’, from Latin *ambulare*; → AMBLE

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