**INTERVENTION**

If you are dealing with a severely intoxicated and possibly belligerent or uncooperative person try the following:

- Remain calm
- Assess the situation (who, what, where, when, how)
- Don’t make any assumptions
- Stand next to not in front of the person
- Keep voice calm and low – do not shout
- Identify yourself and tell the person you are concerned about his/her safety
- Try to find a safe and quite area to talk to the person – but do not force him/her to go
- Be sincere and friendly – and make clear, precise statements
- DO NOT be confrontational!
- Solicit the support of a friend of the intoxicated person

**FIRST AID**

If you suspect alcohol poisoning provide the following first aid techniques:

- Do not leave a person alone to sleep it off.
- Protect the person from injury.
- Keep the person still and comfortable.
- Make sure the person is on his/her side—not back or stomach. Make sure the airway remains open in case the person vomits. If possible, prop something behind the person to ensure he/she doesn’t roll over.
- DO NOT give the person food or liquid because it might make him/her vomit.
- DO NOT give the person a cold shower.
- DO NOT try to restrain the person
- **If the person becomes unresponsive, get emergency medical care immediately – CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!**

AND REMEMBER THIS IMPORTANT POINT: A person’s blood alcohol level can continue to rise even after a person stops drinking.