A bystander is someone who witnesses a situation or event but isn’t directly involved. A person may choose not to get involved because they think...

“It’s not that big a deal.”
“I’m not sure what to do.”
“My stepping in won’t change anything.”
“Someone else will deal with the situation.”
“The person I’m trying to help may get mad at me.”

But if you don’t step in, who will?
An active bystander assumes personal responsibility, takes action, and gets help.

In the Moment: Strategies for Emergency Situations

Stay calm and keep others calm too.
Find out what’s going on to better assess the situation.
Make safe choices when deciding whether or not to intervene.
Try to involve others so you’re not intervening alone.
Look for the best exit strategies for those involved.
Show your support by stating your commitment out loud.
Know your limits. Don’t be a hero. Walk away if it’s unsafe!
Call 911 if it’s not safe for you or if medical help is needed.

BU Terriers look out for each other.

If your gut tells you that someone is in a potentially dangerous situation, speak up and help out! You’d want someone to do the same for you.