

First Aid and CPR

- 1. Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) from your local Red Cross Chapter or other community organization.
- 2. Print this instruction sheet and add to your Family Disaster Plan note-book for quick reference.



Airway

- 1. Place victim flat on his / her back on a hard surface.
- 2. Shake victim at the shoulders and shout, "Are you okay?"
- 3. If no response, call emergency medical system 911 then...
- 4. Head-tilt / chin-lift: open victim's airway by tilting their head back with one hand while lifting up their chin with your other hand.



Breathing

- 1. Position your cheek close to victim's nose and mouth, look toward victim's chest.
- 2. Look, listen, and feel for breathing (5-10 seconds).
- 3. If not breathing, pinch victim's nose closed and give two full breaths into victim's mouth (use microshield).
- 4. If breaths won't go in, reposition head & try again to give breaths. If still blocked, perform abdominal thrusts (Heimlich maneuver) to clear airway.



Circulation

- 1. Check for carotid pulse by feeling for 5-10 seconds at side of victim's neck.
- 2. If there is a pulse but victim is not breathing, give Rescue breathing at rate of 1 breath every 5 seconds or 12 breaths per minute.
- 3. If there is no pulse, begin chest compressions as follows:
- 4. Place heel of one hand on lower part of victim's sternum. With your other hand directly on top of first hand, depress sternum 1.5 to 2 inches.
- 5. Perform 15 compressions to every 2 breaths (rate: 80-100 / minute).
- 6. Check for return of pulse every minute.

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