FIRST AID

ALSCO. First Aid

Check for Hazards

- 1. Check and neutralise hazards to victim, yourself and bystanders before treating victim. Check for:
 - Falling objects
 - Incoming traffic
 - Fire and Fumes
 - Electricity
 - Spilled chemicals

2 Check Level of Response

- 1. Check whether victim is conscious or not.
- 2. Ask them to open their eyes. Call their name (if known).
- 3. Firmly squeeze the victim's shoulders and ask them to squeeze your hand.
- 4. Do not move the victim unless there is a hazard that may course further harm.

3 Call for Help '000'

- 1. You should call emergency services immediately.
- Ask someone with you, or a bystander, to call for help while you respond to victim. If you are alone, stay with victim and call emergency services yourself.
- 3. Be ready to provide information regarding your location and incident.

4 Check Airway

- 1. Check airway of an unresponsive victim.
- 2. Open victim's mouth and look for obstructions without tilting the head back.
- 3. If there is any obstruction or fluid, roll victim into recovery position and clear mouth and airway.
- 4. Check breathing while victim is in recovery position.
- 5. If no obstruction, leave victim on their back.

Check for Breathing

- 1. Open the airway by lifting the chin and tilting the head back. Do not press on the back of the neck.
- 2. **Look** at the victim's chest is it rising and falling?
- 3. **Listen** for breathing place your ear near victim's face.
- 4. **Feel** for moving air on your cheek when near victim's nose and mouth.
- 5. Place one hand on their stomach to feel it rise and fall. This indicates normal breathing.
- A. Normal breathing is a minimum of 2 breaths per 10 seconds.
- B. If victim **IS breathing**; put them into **recovery position**.
- C. If the victim IS NOT breathing; call for medical assistance immediately. Start doing full Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and then get a defibrillator.

5 Recovery Position

- 1. If breathing normally, put victim into recovery position.
- 2. To avoid possible lower back injury, roll victim away from you if possible.
- 3. Place the victim's arm furtherest away from you at right angles to their body.
- 4. Gently bring the victim's feet together and cross their ankles over in the direction you are going to roll them.
- 5. Place their arm closest to you diagonally across their chest and place their fingers under their neck.
- 6. Slide your hand under their neck from their nearside so that you can hold their fingers in place.
- 7. Place your forearm under their shoulder nearest to you and your other hand on their hip.
- 8. Roll them onto their side and position the top leg at 90 degrees to stabilise them.
- Check the airway again to ensure the victim is still breathing. Re-check every two minutes and document incident.



6 Performing CPR

- 1. Place victim on their back on a firm, flat surface.
- 2. Kneel so that you are 90 degrees to victim's upper body, with your knees shoulder width apart.
- 3. Place your hands, one atop the other, on victim's sternum (centre of chest). Compress chest 1/3 depth, at a rate of approx. 100 120 compressions per minute.
- 4. After 30 compressions open victim's mouth and tilt head back to open airway.
- 5. Use face shield/pocket mask and blow in victim's mouth. Look if chest rises. Stop and repeat for 2nd breath.
- 6. Continue cycle of 30 compressions to two breaths (30:2)
- 7. Call for a defibrillator.
- 8. If unable to perform rescue breaths, perform continuous chest compression CPR only, until help arrives.
- Continue performing CPR until: help arrives, victim shows signs of response, AED says so, you cannot continue due to exhaustion, or, there is danger.

7 Defibrillation

 Use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) if it is available in your facility. Follow provided instructions.





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