

Infant Basic Life Support (with a Tracheostomy)



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Basic Life Support

1 Safety

• Check area is safe.



• Try to wake the baby by clapping, shouting their name, then tickle fingers and toes, if no response

3 Shout for Help

• If someone is available ask them to ring 999 stating that there is a baby who is unresponsive and wait on the phone whilst you assess the baby.

4 Airway

- Check tube for obstruction
- Suction the tube
- If tube is blocked, change tube (see page 4)

5 Breathing

- Look
- Listen
- Feel for normal breathing for up to 10 seconds, ignore gasps.











If gasping or not breathing

6 Give 5 breaths

 Give breaths into the tube either via bag valve mask or mouth to tube.
Deliver a breath over 1 second and take a breath yourself.
Repeat 4 times.



If all five breaths unsuccessful, suspect blocked tube and go to step 2 on page 4

If you have already attempted tube changes without success. Remove the tube and occlude the stoma. Deliver 5 breaths via mouth to nose.

7 Circulation

 If there is no response during the delivery of the five breaths, such as cough, gag or there is no movement, start chest compressions



8 Chest Compressions

Give 30 chest compressions.
Place two fingers on the lower third of the breast bone.

Compress the chest at least one third of its depth.

9 Continue to give

• 2 breaths to 30 chest compressions for 1 minute (four cycles of 2 breaths and 30 compressions).

If you are on your own after 1 minute

10 Call 999 or 112

 Continue with 2 breaths and 30 compressions until help arrives.



Emergency Tube Change

1 Shout for help



2 Remove the tube

• Cut ties and remove blocked/dislodged tube.



- Lubricate tube
- Introduce tube into tracheostomy site
- Remove introducer if applicable.
- If unsuccessful, try inserting the smaller tube.

4 Assess for breathing

- Look
- Listen
- Feel for breathing for up to 10 seconds

If the baby is not breathing follow the Basic Life Support sequence on pages 2 and 3 from step 4.





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