

Child Basic Life Support (with a Tracheostomy)



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Basic Life Support

1 Safety

Check area is safe.



2 Stimulate

 Try to wake the child by shouting then hold their head and gently shaking their arm.

3 Shout for Help

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



4 Check Airway

- Check that the tracheostomy tube is not blocked by performing suction.
- If there is a blockage (unable to insert suction catheter), quickly change the tracheostomy tube.
- Tilt your child's head back until it is in the 'sniffing' position.



5 Check Breathing

- Look is your child's chest moving?
- Listen can you hear any breathing?
- Feel for normal breathing for up to 10 seconds - ignore gasps. Can you feel any breath on your cheek from your child's tracheostomy or nose or mouth?



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 sufficient to make the chest rise, then take a breath yourself.
Repeat 4 times



If all five breaths unsuccessful, suspect blocked tube and go to step 2 on page 5.

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 the heel of the hand/s 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.



Blocked Tracheostomy/Airway Obstruction

1 Shout for Help



2 Remove the tube

 Cut ties and remove blocked/dislodged tube.

3 Insert new tube

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

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4 Assess for breathing

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



If the child is not breathing follow the Basic Life Support sequence from step 6 on page 3.

Additional information

National Tracheostomy Safety Project

https://tracheostomy.org.uk

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