

BLS AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION: PEDIATRIC

INFANT (LESS THAN 1 YEAR OF AGE):

1. Confirm severe airway obstruction. Check for the sudden onset of severe breathing difficulty, ineffective or silent cough, weak or silent cry.
2. Give up to 5 back slaps and up to 5 chest thrusts.
3. Repeat step 2 until effective or victim becomes unresponsive.
4. If victim is unresponsive with no breathing or no normal breathing (i.e., agonal gasps), begin CPR (no pulse check).
5. Before you deliver breaths, look into mouth. If you see a foreign body that can be easily removed, remove it.
6. Continue CPR until ALS arrives or throughout ALS rendezvous

CHILD (1 YEAR TO ADOLESCENT (PUBERTY)):

1. Ask "Are you choking?"
2. Give abdominal thrusts/Heimlich maneuver.
3. Repeat abdominal thrusts until effective or victim becomes unresponsive.
4. If victim is unresponsive with no breathing or no normal breathing (i.e., agonal gasps), begin CPR (no pulse check).
5. Before you deliver breaths, look into mouth. If you see a foreign body that can be easily removed, remove it.
6. Continue CPR until ALS arrives or throughout ALS rendezvous.