



# EMSA-Intermediate Treatment Protocol 6305

## Airway Obstruction

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### A. Conscious.

1. Able to talk or cough:
  - a. Reassure victim.
  - b. Encourage coughing.
  - c. Oxygen 15 LPM non-rebreather mask.
  - d. Transport immediately and notify Medical Command.
2. Unable to talk or cough, or weak ineffective cough:
  - a. Deliver repeated abdominal thrusts until obstruction relieved or victim becomes unconscious. For patients under 1 year of age, do alternating 5 back blows and 5 chest thrusts.
  - b. Chest thrusts are preferred on advanced pregnancy and marked obesity.
  - c. Transport immediately and notify Medical Command.

### B. Unconscious.

1. Open airway.
2. Attempt ventilation.
3. Reposition airway, attempt ventilation.
4. Deliver 5 abdominal thrusts. For patients under 1 year of age, do alternating 5 back blows and 5 chest thrusts. **Do not use abdominal thrusts in patients under 1 year of age.**
5. Finger sweep for foreign body. **Do not perform finger sweep on patients under 8 years of age.**
6. Repeat steps 1 - 5 above.



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7. Transport immediately, continue treatment en route.
8. Request ALS backup – **do not delay transport** – meet en route.

9. **Contact Medical Command.**

