

Basic Life Support in the home

D

Danger: Check the area is safe for you and the child.

R

Response: Check for their response by saying their name or gently touching them, make a loud noise. Squeeze their earlobe for a painful response.

S

Send for help: Call out to someone nearby or call **000** or 112 (from a mobile phone). Put the phone on speaker.

A

Open Airway:

- 1. Open the airway by lifting the chin off the chest.
- 2. Check to see if there is something in the mouth or nose.
- 3. Gently remove the object if you can see it.

B

Breathing:

- 1. Check to see if the child is breathing by **looking** at the chest for rise and fall, **listening** for breath sounds, and **feeling** for breath, for up to 10 seconds.
- 2. If you can't see normal breathing give 2 breaths (1 second apart)
 - if less than 6 months: via the nose and mouth
 - if older than 6 months: mouth to mouth
- 3. Re-check their breathing, if the child is not breathing or not breathing normally move on to compressions.

C

Compressions

- 1. If the child is not breathing or not breathing normally, start compressions.
- 2. Place your fingers (for and infant), one hand (child) or two hands (adult) in the middle of the chest on the lower half.
- 3. Push down on the chest by 1/3 of its depth at a rate of 2 beats per second.
- 4. Continue compressions at a ratio of 30 compressions to 2 breaths.

Continue CPR until the child is responsive or starts to breathe normally. Turn them on to their side and stay with them until the ambulance arrives