

Emergency Response to Obstructed Tracheostomy

Call 911 if you cannot remove an airway blockage.

Think 'B.I.B.S'

1. **Bag** ventilate trach tube (with 100% O2 if available).
Be sure chest rises each time you squeeze resuscitation bag.
If chest does NOT rise, go to step 5.
2. **Irrigate** trach tube with Normal Saline.
3. **Bag** ventilate trach tube (with 100% O2 if available).
Be sure chest rises each time you squeeze resuscitation bag.
If chest does NOT rise, go to step 4.
4. **Suction**

If Airway Blockage is still there:

5. **Change trach tube**
6. **Bag** ventilate trach tube with 100% O2. Be sure chest rises each time you squeeze resuscitation bag. If chest does NOT rise, **call 911**. Then go to step 7.

If Airway Blockage is still there, **call 911**

Then continue with the following:

7. **Irrigate** trach tube with Normal Saline.
8. **Bag** ventilate trach tube with more force than usual. Be sure chest rises each time you squeeze resuscitation bag. If chest does NOT rise, go to step 9.
9. **Suction** trach tube to twice the normal safe depth, or until you meet resistance.
10. **Bag** ventilate trach tube. If chest does NOT rise, repeat steps 8-10 until airway blockage clears or emergency help arrives.

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