# CHAIN OF SURVIVAL

LINK 1





LINK 2



LINK 3



LINK 4

# Early Access to the Ambulance

Purpose - to quickly get medical help. Recognise the emergency. Dial 000. Send for a defibrillator.

## Early CPR

Purpose - to maintain oxygen circulation. Sufficient enough to preserve brain function until an AED is available to restart the heart.

### **Early Defibrillation**

Purpose - to restart the heart. For every minute delayed, there is approximately 10% reduction in survival.

#### **Early Advanced Care**

**Purpose - to keep alive.** Paramedics provide drug administration, advanced airway procedures, other interventions and protocols.

#### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS = CARDIAC ARREST

Collapsed and not moving, unresponsive, unconscious and not breathing normally or at all, or gasping with no response.

# HAZARDS = NO CIRCULATING OXYGEN TO THE BRAIN AND TIME

Quick timing is vital.

#### **RISKS = BRAIN DAMAGE. DEATH**

To increase the chance of revival, follow every link in the chain of survival.

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