

## How to Perform CPR on Adults



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Shake the person's shoulders and shout loudly. If there's no response and they're not breathing or only gasping, begin CPR.

Call emergency services immediately, or direct someone else to do it. If an AED is available, bring it immediately. If no AED is available, begin CPR right away.

## Chest Compressions

- 1 Lay the person on their back on a firm, flat surface.
- 2 Place the heel of one hand on the center of the chest, then the other hand on top.
- 3 Lock your elbows and press hard and fast—at least 2 inches (5 cm) deep.
- **4** Perform compressions at a rate of 100–120 per minute.

## Rescue Breaths

- 1 Open the airway using the head-tilt, chin-lift method.
- 2 Pinch the nose shut, cover the person's mouth with yours to form a seal.
- **3** Give 2 breaths, each lasting about 1 second, and watch for chest rise.

## Repeat

Continue with 30 compressions followed by 2 breaths. Use an AED as soon as it becomes available. Do not stop CPR until medical help arrives or the person starts breathing.

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