

CHAIN OF SURVIVAL

LINK 1



Early Access to the Ambulance

Purpose - to quickly get medical help.

Recognise the emergency.

Dial 000. Send for a defibrillator.

LINK 2



Early CPR

Purpose - to maintain oxygen circulation.

Sufficient enough to preserve brain function until an AED is available to restart the heart.

LINK 3



Early Defibrillation

Purpose - to restart the heart.

For every minute delayed, there is approximately 10% reduction in survival.

LINK 4



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.