

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

**SUBJECT: 1000.07
PEDIATRICS:
FOREIGN BODY AIRWAY
OBSTRUCTION**

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Pre-Hospital Actions:

- If the patient is making efforts to clear the airway without success, you may assist with careful back blows (infants only), chest or gentle abdominal compressions (per BCLS Protocols) - avoid abdominal compressions in infants less than one year old. Synchronize with patient's cough.
- If the patient has lost consciousness, attempt to open the airway (use moderate extension and jaw-lift) and ventilate. Reposition and attempt ventilation again if necessary. If unsuccessful, perform standard obstructed airway maneuvers for infant, child or adult, as appropriate.
- Consider direct laryngoscopy and foreign body removal with Magill forceps. Do not perform blind finger sweeps.
- Transport early. Contact a medical control physician promptly for further orders if necessary.

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED.