



# How to give basic life support and CPR to your baby at home

Learn how to do basic life support for your baby using **DRSABC**.

## Danger

**Check** for any dangers to you, your baby, or the area around you.

## Response

**Talk** to your baby and gently **touch** them to see if they react. Try **squeezing their earlobe** to see if they respond to pain. **Never shake your baby.**

## Send for help

**Call Triple Zero (000)**. Put the phone on speaker and ask for an ambulance.

If your baby isn't breathing, follow the next steps of **ABC**. If someone else is with you, they should call 000 while you begin **ABC**.

**Don't drive to the hospital.** Wait for the ambulance to arrive.

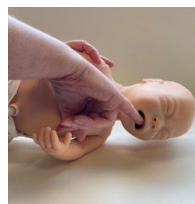
## Airway

**Put your baby on a hard, flat surface.**

Place one hand on top of your baby's head and one hand on their chin.

**Keep their head and neck straight** and slightly **tilt their chin up** to open their airway.

If something is **blocking their airway**, gently roll them onto their side and clear it with your little finger.



## Breathing

**Look** for chest movement.

**Listen** for air coming out of their nose and mouth.

**Feel** for air on your cheek.

If your baby **isn't breathing** or their breathing isn't normal, **give 2 breaths and start CPR.**

Cover your baby's nose and mouth with your own mouth when giving breaths.

## Compressions (CPR)

**Place 2 fingers in the centre of their chest** just below the nipple line.

**Push down** to a depth of about 1/3 of their chest.

**Do 30 compressions**, then give **2 breaths**.

Press at a rate of **2 compressions a second**.

**Every 2 minutes**, check for breathing and swap with another person if you can.

**You can stop CPR when:**

- your baby starts breathing on their own - lay them on their side and watch their breathing until the ambulance arrives
- help arrives with advanced life support equipment
- you're alone and become too tired - it's OK to stop for a short break.



## For more information

Watch the video, How to give CPR to babies 0-12 months on the Better Health Channel. It's available in several languages. [betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsand-treatments/cardiopulmonary-resuscitation-cpr](https://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsand-treatments/cardiopulmonary-resuscitation-cpr)

## Do you need an interpreter?



You can ask for an interpreter if you need one.

**D**

**Danger**

Check for and remove any dangers to you or your baby.

**R**

**Response**

Talk to your baby and gently touch them to see if they respond.  
Squeeze their earlobe for a painful response.  
If they don't respond, call Triple zero (000).

**S**

**Send for help - call Triple zero (000)**

Put the phone on speaker.  
Ask for an ambulance.  
Stay on the phone and don't hang up.

**A**

**Airway**

Open the airway by lifting your baby's chin off their chest.  
If something is blocking their airway, roll them onto their side and use your little finger to remove it.

**B**

**Breathing**

Check for breathing: look, listen, and feel.  
If your baby isn't breathing or their breathing isn't normal, give 2 breaths and start CPR.  
Cover both your baby's nose and mouth when giving breaths.

**C**

**Compressions (CPR)**

Place 2 fingers in the centre of their chest, just below the nipple line.  
Push down to a depth about 1/3 of their chest.  
Give 30 compressions, then give 2 breaths.  
Press at a rate of 2 compressions a second.

**Write down the exact address of where you are right now.**

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