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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

A-B-C-S checklist the checklist to be done on victims of an accident or sudden illness; check for open *airway*, check for *breathing*, check for *circulation*, and check for *severe bleeding*

abdominal thrust a technique used to dislodge a particle such as food blocking a person's airway; also known as the *Heimlich maneuver*

cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) a technique used to start the flow of blood and oxygen in a person whose heart is no longer beating

carotid pulse the pulse located on either side of the neck, just below the ear

chest compression a technique used to circulate the blood in a person whose heart has stopped beating

circulation the movement of blood through the body

conscious being awake or able to respond

emergency medical service (EMS) the team of people who responds to emergencies in each city or town

Vocabulary

- first aid** help given first to a victim of an accident or sudden illness
- medical emergencies** situations in which a person or persons need immediate care for injuries or illnesses
- rescue breathing** pushing air in and out of the lungs of a person whose breathing has stopped
- shock** a possible reaction to injury or illness in which blood flows so slowly as to threaten a person's life
- unconscious** inability to be awakened or to respond