First in First Aid



St John DRABCD Action Plan

The St John DRABCD Action Plan is a vital aid to the first aider in assessing whether the casualty has any life-threatening conditions and if any immediate first aid is necessary.

D check for DANGER

- to you
- to others
- to casualty

R check for RESPONSE

- is casualty conscious?
- is casualty unconscious?

A check AIRWAY

- is airway clear of objects?
- is airway open?

B check for BREATHING

- is chest rising and falling?
- can you hear or feel air from mouth or nose?
- if no breathing, give 2 initial breaths

C give CPR

- if no signs of life—unconscious, not breathing and not moving, start CPR
- CPR involves giving 30 compressions at a rate of approximately 100 compressions per minute followed by 2 breaths

D apply a DEFIBRILLATOR (if available)

follow voice prompts







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