



When to begin CPR



Example One

A resident suddenly complains of sharp chest pain and falls to the floor; he is not breathing and has no pulse.

What should you do?

Call for Help and Initiate CPR

Example Two

While conducting routine room checks, you discover that a resident is lying in bed and is unresponsive; he has no pulse and is not breathing.

What should you do?

Call for Help and Initiate CPR

Example Three

At the end of your midnight shift, you realize that a resident has not gotten up for breakfast. You go to his room and find that he is not breathing and has no pulse. He is ashen in color and cold and clammy to the touch. You estimate he has been dead for hours.

What should you do?

Call for Help and Initiate CPR

Example Four

You are not CPR certified. A maintenance man who was changing a light bulb in a resident's room informs you that the resident is dead. He also tells you that the resident is stiff so don't bother to call the CPR certified staff.

What should you do?

**Notify CPR certified staff
IMMEDIATELY**

Example Five

You are not CPR certified but you notify CPR certified staff of a resident who has no pulse and is not breathing, he determines that the resident is "gone" and does not begin CPR.

What should you do?

**Insist that CPR be given and notify a
Supervisor**

Example Six

Your facility has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). You find that a resident is unresponsive, has no pulse and is not breathing. You begin CPR while a co-worker gets the AED. You apply the AED and it indicates that no shock is to be given. The resident still has no pulse and is not breathing.

What should you do?

Continue to perform CPR



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