

## CHILD CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Characters: Body of a child, mother, father, telephone operator, EMS crew.

Speaking characters: mother, father, operator, doctor , EMS crew.

Situation: A mother finds her baby unconscious in its cot. She calls for father, who runs to the scene. It becomes a scene of confusion. The father is trying to bring the baby back to consciousness by shaking it.

MOTHER-M:           Hi, sweetie..oh, what's wrong? Peter, come quick! There's something wrong with the baby!

FATHER-F:           What's happened?

M:                    I don't know, I don't know, do something.

F:                    Call the ambulance.

M:                    What..What's the number?

F:                    155.

The mother picks up the phone and calls.

M:                    Sweetheart, sweetheart...

OPERATOR-O:        Zdravotnická záchranná služba.

M:                    I'm sorry, I don't speak Czech. My baby doesn't seem to be breathing. She's blue in the face, what shall I do?

O:                    First of all, you need to calm down, otherwise you won't be able to help your baby. How old is she?

M:                    Six months.

O:                    Where are you now?

M:                    At home.

O:                    Where do you live? I need your name and address.

M:                    Stop asking me questions and send somebody!

O: Don't worry, I'm sending an ambulance right now, but I need to know where.

M: 10 Pekařská Street, first floor, my name is Ann Diaz.

O: Are you home alone?

M: No, my husband is here with me, holding our baby.

O: Is the baby reacting in any way? Are her eyes open? Is she crying?

M: No, there is absolutely no reaction.

O: Tell your husband to pull her chin up to find out whether she is breathing. Tell him to make sure he doesn't push her head back.

M: Place her on her back. Lift her chin up. Don't push her head back. Is he breathing?

F: I think she breathed just now.

O: She needs to breathe regularly. Let me know every time she takes a breath.

M: Oh no! She's stopped breathing again.

O: You need to try to resuscitate her. Don't panic, the doctor is on the way. Now, I will tell you what your husband needs to do.

O: Tell your husband to breathe 5 times into the baby's mouth and nose at the same time.

M: We need to resuscitate her. Breathe five times into her mouth and nose, but gently.

O: Has he done that? Is she breathing?

M: No, she isn't. ....

O: Okay, so now we have to massage the heart. He needs to place 2 fingers in the middle of her chest, on her breast bone and then press

down and release. This needs to be done continuously, repeating the action about a 100 times per minute. Do you understand?

M: Yes. Okay, you have to massage her chest. Place two fingers to the middle of her chest and press down and release a 100 times a minute.

O: Right, I will tell you when to do it...Now, press down, release, down, release....

M: Press down, release, down, release ...

O: Once he has pressed down 30 times he needs to breathe into the child's nose and mouth again twice and then do another 30 chest compressions. He should continue with this procedure until the doctor arrives.

M: Press down 30 times, then breathe into her mouth and nose twice , then do another 30 chest compressions, and breathe again. Keep doing it.

O: Good, you're doing well.

M: Press, keep pressing.

O: You are doing the massage too slowly, try to speed up. Press down, up, down, up, ...

M: Press faster, .. down up, down up, down up ...

M: Where are they, she's not moving or anything.

O: They are on the way, go on, don't stop.

M: So where are they???

O: Please calm down, the ambulance is just arriving at your house. Please go and open the door for them. Tell your husband not to stop until the doctor comes and takes over.

The EMS crew arrives at the scene, and takes over the resuscitation.

W: Don't stop till the doctor comes. They 're here, I'm gonna get the door!

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W: They're here

PHYSICIAN-P: Hello, I'm the doctor. Step aside please.

P Bag mask!...What happened?

M: I don't know. I found her in her crib, she was blue in the face and wasn't breathing.

P: Is she being treated for any medical condition?

M: No, she has never been treated for any medical problem.

P: All right. Did you feed her before she stopped breathing?

M: No.

M: Will you be able to save her?

P: Yes, we will, we'll do everything we can for her.

P: It's good her heart has started beating. But the condition is still very serious, we have to take your daughter to the hospital.

M: I'm coming with you.

P: I am afraid, you can't, because we need some room in the ambulance in case of complications.

F: Okay. We'll go by car. Where are you taking her?

P: We are going to take her to university hospital, University Children's Hospital To the Resuscitation Unit. But.. do not follow the ambulance, because we are going to drive very quickly and with blue lights.

The crew loads the child into the ambulance and it drives off. (Short scenes, no dialogues.)