# CHAIN OF SURVIVAL

LINK 1

LINK 2

LINK 3

LINK 4









# Early Access to the Ambulance

Purpose - to quickly get medical help.

Recognise the emergency.
Dial 000. Send for a
defibrillator.

#### **Early CPR**

Purpose - to maintain oxygen circulation.
Sufficient enough to

preserve brain function until an AED is available to restart the heart.

## **Early Defibrillation**

Purpose - to restart the heart.

For every minute delayed, there is approximately 10% reduction in survival.

### **Early Advanced Care**

Purpose - to keep alive.

Paramedics provide drug administration, advanced airway procedures, other interventions and protocols.

#### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS = CARDIAC ARREST

Collapsed and not moving, unresponsive, unconscious and not breathing normally or at all, or gasping with no response.

HAZARDS = NO CIRCULATING
OXYGEN TO THE BRAIN AND TIME

Quick timing is vital.

#### **RISKS = BRAIN DAMAGE. DEATH**

To increase the chance of revival, follow every link in the chain of survival.