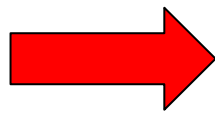


# Tracheostomy Emergency Plan

1. A student with a tracheostomy needs to be monitored for symptoms of **RESPIRATORY DISTRESS** while riding the bus.

- a. Difficulty breathing
- b. Noisy harsh breathing
- c. Gasping for air
- d. Mouth and nose may look grey or blue
- e. General skin color may be pale or grey



*If you cannot see or hear breathing CALL 911*

2. If the tracheostomy tube comes out **CALL 911**

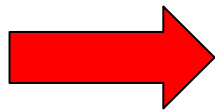
Rescue breathing may be done with a mask or mask attached to an ambu-bag.

Remove the artificial nose if it is in place

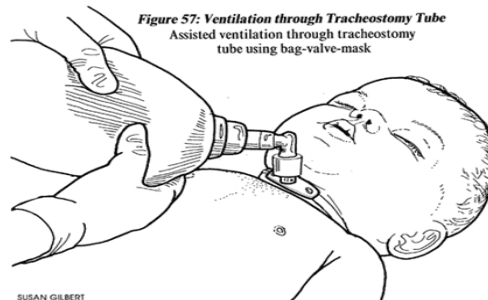


3. If the tracheostomy becomes obstructed or

**clogged (no air is moving in or out of the tracheostomy tube)**



**CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY**



*Figure 57: Ventilation through Tracheostomy Tube*  
Assisted ventilation through tracheostomy tube using bag-valve-mask

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