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Attempting to restart breathing for someone whose breathing has stopped.

When someone has stopped breathing, medical personnel or trained laypersons may attempt to restart breathing or maintain weak breathing by using artificial respiration. When the procedure is done by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, it is often referred to as *rescue breathing;* when accomplished by a mechanical device or machine, it is often referred to as *ventilation.* The U.S. Public Health Service recommends that parents receive training in artificial respiration and **cardiopulmonary resuscitation** (CPR) through an agency such as the American Red Cross, YMCA, or other community agency.

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Books

American National Red Cross. *Respiratory and Circulatory Emergencies.* Washington, DC: American National Red Cross, 1978.

Audiovisual Recordings

How to Save Your Child or Baby: When Every Second Counts. Los Angeles, CA: Video Prescriptions, 1987.
(One 40-minute videocassette.)

Seconds Count. Manhattan Beach, CA: Mann Design, 1991.
(One 18-minute videocassette.)