CHAIN OF SURVIVAL

LINK 1

Early Access to the Ambulance

Purpose - to quickly get medical help.
Recognise the emergency. Dial 000. Send for a defibrillator.

LINK 2

Early CPR

Purpose - to maintain oxygen circulation.
Sufficient enough to preserve brain function until an AED is available to restart the heart.

LINK 3

Early Defibrillation

Purpose - to restart the heart.
For every minute delayed, there is approximately 10% reduction in survival.

LINK 4

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.

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