



# Linn County Department of Health Services

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Restaurant Licensees & Food Service Employees  
**FROM:** Rick Partipilo, R.S., Manager Environmental Health Program  
**DATE:** November 2009  
**SUBJECT:** First Aid for Choking Victims "Abdominal Thrust" Procedures

ORS 624.130 states that all restaurants where food is served to be consumed on the premises must require their food service employees to be trained to administer emergency first aid to relieve any person choking on food particles.

The 2001 Legislature amended this law to allow additional training opportunities. In response, we have provided a poster to each restaurant that shows steps for "Choking Emergencies." We also provide the following current list of organizations who offer this training in Linn County.

1. American Red Cross, Mid-Valley Chapter  
Lynda Lopez-Morton, Health & Safety Coordinator (541) 926-1543  
All Classes taught with CPR
2. LBCC - Groups of 10 or more  
Marge Moore (541) 917-4251; (541) 928-6473; (541) 990-7401  
Will contract with businesses
3. Lebanon Community Hospital - Samaritan Health Services  
(541) 768-5297

I encourage you to remind all of your employees to either acquire or renew this training as needed. The law states that no liability will result from the good faith application of these techniques by a trained person. Copies of ORS 624.130 and posters can be obtained at the Environmental Health Program office or by calling (541) 967-3821.

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Administration Office (541)967-3888 Fax:(541)924-6904 <a href="mailto:fmoore@co.linn.or.us">fmoore@co.linn.or.us</a>	Alcohol & Drug Treatment (541)967-3819 Fax:(541)967-7259 <a href="mailto:thowell@co.linn.or.us">thowell@co.linn.or.us</a>	Commission on Children & Families (541)-967-3823 Fax:541)924-691 <a href="mailto:ccf@co.linn.or.us">ccf@co.linn.or.us</a>	Developmental Disabilities (541)967-3890 Fax:(541)924-6905 <a href="mailto:JSneddon@co.linn.or.us">JSneddon@co.linn.or.us</a>	Environmental Health (541)967-3821 Fax:(541)926-2060 <a href="mailto:linneh@co.linn.or.us">linneh@co.linn.or.us</a>	Mental Health (541)967-3866 Fax:(541)928-3020 <a href="mailto:linnmh@co.linn.or.us">linnmh@co.linn.or.us</a>	Public Health (541)967-3888 Fax(541)926-2102 <a href="mailto:apeltier@co.linn.or.us">apeltier@co.linn.or.us</a>
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