



**STANDING ORDER**

**BREATHING/CHOKING EMERGENCIES**

**I. Clinical Presentation**

- A. **Signs and Symptoms**...inmate is coughing, choking, gasping for breath, breaths may be absent, deep or shallow, there may be wheezing, gurgling or squeaking with respirations, patient's skin may be flushed, pale, or bluish.

**II. Treatment**

- A. Assess problem with respiratory system.  
B. Call for EMTs.  
C. If inmate unable to speak, cough or breathe, give abdominal thrusts as trained in CPR class. Continue giving thrusts until object is coughed up or inmate becomes unconscious.  
D. If inmate becomes unconscious, give rescue breaths. If air will not go in, begin chest compressions (30 compressions to 2 rescue breaths). Repeat until EMTs arrive.