Skills Summaries
Insertion of an Oropharyngeal Airway, Adult or Child

1. Determine unresponsiveness, then measure distance of insertion (earlobe to corner of mouth).
2. Select correct size of airway.
3. Open mouth using crossed-finger technique or tongue-jaw lift.
4. Insert airway halfway, with curved end facing roof of mouth; then rotate airway 180° into position.

Insertion of an Oropharyngeal Airway, Baby

1. Determine unresponsiveness, then measure distance of insertion (earlobe to corner of mouth).
2. Select correct size of airway.
3. Open baby’s mouth. Using a tongue depressor to assist with insertion, insert airway with curved end facing down, following natural curvature of baby's airway.
4. Place padding under baby’s shoulders.