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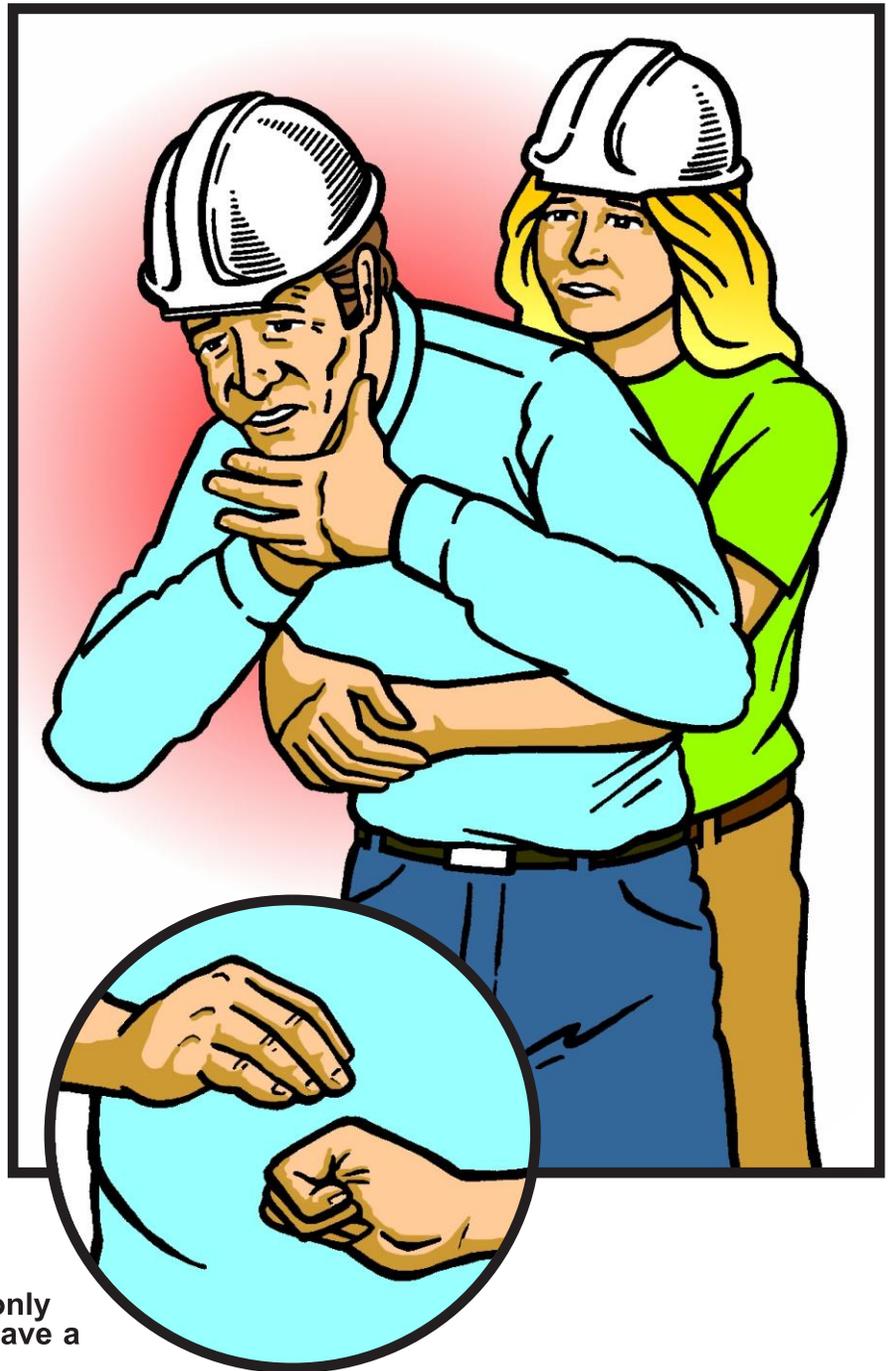
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1. Stand behind and wrap your arms around the persons' waist.
2. Make a fist with one hand.
3. Place the thumb-side of your fist in the middle of the abdomen, just above the navel.
4. Grasp your fist with the other hand.
5. Press your fist into the abdomen, pushing inward and upward with quick thrusts.
6. Continue thrusts until the object is dislodged from the windpipe, help arrives or the person loses consciousness.
7. If the person loses consciousness, call 911.

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