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Push
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Why LifeVac?

LifeVac is a simple, safe, and effective Airway Clearance Device that can be used to save the life of a friend, family member, or colleague in the event of a choking emergency and is currently implemented in schools, restaurants, fire departments, police departments, and EMS agencies across the world.

- Did you know that there are over 5,000 choking deaths a year?
- According to the National Safety Council, choking is the fourth most common cause of unintentional injury death and it is completely preventable.
- The most obvious risk of choking is death. However, irreversible brain damage caused by lack of oxygen to the brain sets in after only 4-6 minutes.
- LifeVac is the **ONLY** portable, non-invasive airway clearance device that is registered and fully regulated by the FDA as a class II suction device and is also peer-reviewed by the medical industry.

LifeVac uses a patented design that involves a one-way valve system which means that when applied, air vents **OUTSIDE** the unit and does not push air into the victim. The rescue device simply uses a short burst of suction, with minimal air volume, to mimic a forceful cough. When the handle of the plunger is pushed down, air escapes out the sides of the valve; when the plunger handle is pulled back, negative pressure is generated, and it suctions out the lodged material. Thus, supported by a growing number of peer-reviewed medical studies and expert opinions that validate LifeVac as a safe and effective device for airway clearance, we strongly believe that LifeVac is an essential piece of gear that can assist lay people and first responders in choking-related emergencies.

LifeVac is intended to be used after other BLS protocols have failed. However, many times it is impossible to perform BLS protocols on a choking victim for various reasons including the physical size of the individual and the rescuer, as well as the condition of each of the participants. For example, for many in a wheelchair, current choking protocols simply **CAN NOT** be performed. However, LifeVac levels the playing field and is a viable option for all.

As there is no better endorsement than the testimony of those who have used it in an actual emergency, please see the link below for a real-life example of how LifeVac saves lives.

[Inside Edition: Husband Saves Wife from Choking on a Meatball](#)