



# Amherst Fire District Procedure

## Oropharyngeal Airway

### **Clinical Indications:**

- Patient without gag reflex who is unable to secure his/her own airway.

### **Contraindications:**

- Gag Reflex or Facial Trauma

### **Procedure:**

#### Adult

1. Measure airway adjunct from corner of mouth to earlobe on same side.
2. Open mouth/jaw with a scissor-like motion.
3. Insert adjunct ½ way against the natural curvature of the airway and then rotate it 180 degrees.
4. Insert the adjunct the rest of the way following the natural curvature of the airway.
5. Verify secure airway by auscultating lung sounds.

#### Child/Pediatric

1. Measure airway adjunct from corner of mouth to earlobe on same side.
2. Open mouth/jaw with a scissor-like motion.
3. Insert the adjunct following the natural curvature of the airway.
4. Verify secure airway by auscultating lung sounds.

### **Certification Requirements:**

- Successfully complete an annual skill evaluation inclusive of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure.