Drowned person removed from water unconscious

Mouth-to-Mouth In-Water ventilations SHOULD NOT be performed!

- Call EMS/Ambulance
- Put on PPE
- Get ventilation device

Perform Adapted Breathing Assessment

Is the person breathing?

NO

Evaluate Resuscitation risk level

Is this a Low-Risk Resuscitation?

NO

Is the person a child?

NO

Is there a trained relative or household member willing to ventilate?

NO

Compression-Only CPR + AED

YES

Provide First Aid assessment and treatment

Monitor until emergency responders arrive

YES

CPR with ventilation + AED

with safe ventilation method

(1) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Minimum required:
- Gloves
- Face mask with eye protection

(2) Adapted Breathing Assessment
- Check if the chest is moving or if there are signs of breathing WITHOUT GETTING CLOSE
- DO NOT bring your cheek close to the mouth to feel the person’s breathing.

(3) Low-Risk resuscitation
- PPE available.
- Safe ventilation method can be used
And at least one of the following:
- Facility screening process in place.
- Low prevalence of disease locally.
- Low-risk Rescuer (younger age, healthy).

(4) Safe Ventilation Method
(in order of preference)
- 2-rescuer bag-mask ventilation (BVM) with HEPA filter.
- Mouth-to-mask with head strap and HEPA filter.
- Supplemental oxygen with non-rebreather mask and head strap.

Post-Resuscitation Care
- Wash hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Dispose or decontaminate safely all equipment.

VERY IMPORTANT!
FOR A CORRECT APPLICATION OF THIS ALGORITHM, ORGANISATIONS SHOULD HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE FULL TEXT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS (AVAILABLE THROUGH THE QR CODE).