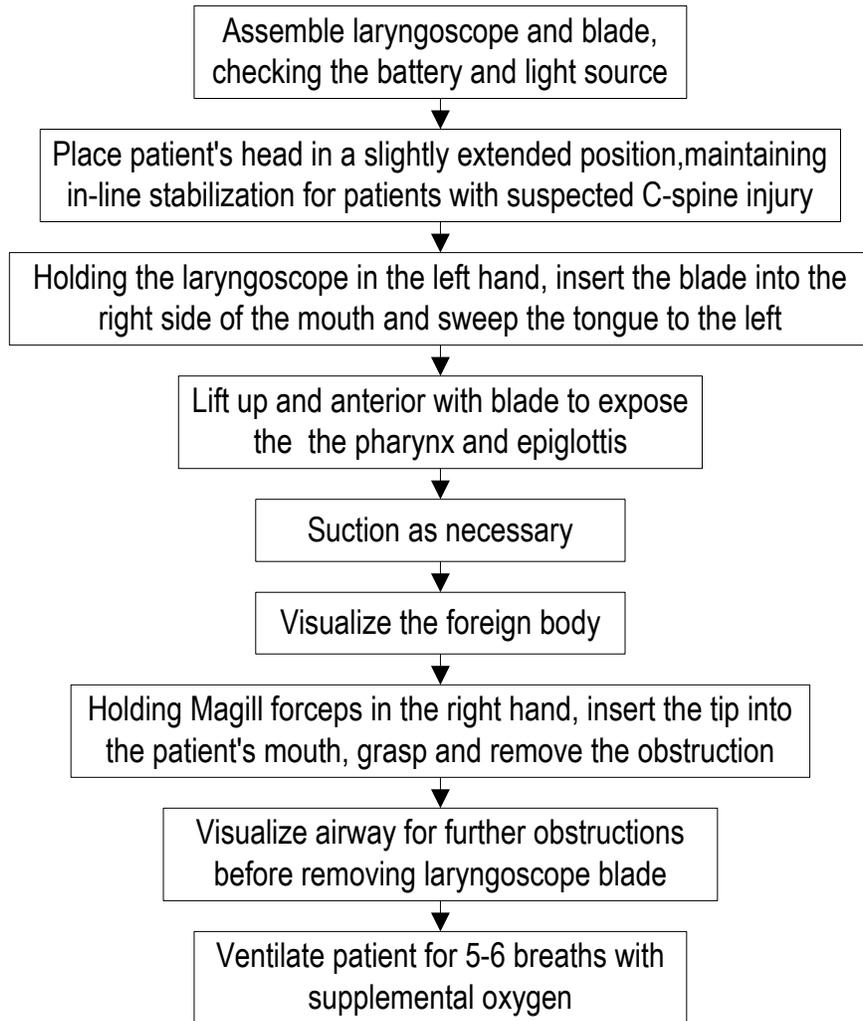


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
REMOVAL OF AIRWAY
OBSTRUCTION**

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Purpose: To remove a foreign body from the upper airway		Indications: Patient with an airway obstruction	
Advantages: Rapid removal of visible obstruction Avoids potential trauma of abdominal thrusts	Disadvantages: Requires specialized equipment and training Obstruction must be visible	Complications: Oral or airway trauma	Contraindications: Foreign body below the level of the vocal cords



NOTES:

- To prevent damaging the patient's teeth, avoid any leverage on the laryngoscope blade or teeth.