# **SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST:**

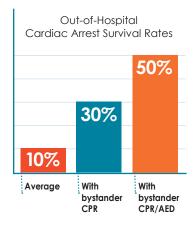
# SAVE A LIFE

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)** is a life-threatening emergency that occurs when the **heart suddenly stops beating**. When SCA happens, the person collapses and doesn't respond or breathe normally. They may gasp or shake as if having a seizure.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest IS NOT the same as a heart attack.

SCA VICTIM:	HEART ATTACK VICTIM:
<ul> <li>Unresponsive</li> </ul>	• Responsive
Not breathing normally	• Breathing
• Needs CPR/AED	Doesn't need CPR/AED

## BYSTANDER ACTION SAVES LIVES



#### THE SHOCKING FACTS

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)** is a national public health crisis affecting **1,000 people outside hospital settings each day**. It strikes people of all ages who may seem to be healthy, even children and teens.





## 7 IN 10 SCAs HAPPEN AT HOME.

You could save the life of someone you love by starting CPR.



# CHAIN OF SURVIVAL

Survival from SCA depends on the quick actions of people nearby.

# PROFESSIONAL RESPONDER——SURVIVOR—SURVIVO

#### **EVERY SECOND COUNTS**

SCA leads to death in minutes if the person does not get help right away.

For every minute that passes, survival odds decrease by 10%.

#### **Call 911**

If a person is unresponsive and not breathing normally, call 911.

#### Start CPR

Push hard and fast in the center of the chest.

#### Use AED

Use an AED to restart the heart.

#### Response

EMS provides advanced life support and transport to the hospital.

#### Care

Medical team provides integrated post-cardiac arrest care.

#### Recovery

Support team addresses the physical, social, and emotional needs of survivors and their families.



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