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## *Media Alert*

### ***American Red Cross offers Choke Saver Training Class on October 17, 2011***

**Hyannis, Mass, September 28, 2011** - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, will offer a Chokesaver training course on October 17, 2011 at the Chapter House at 286 South Street, Hyannis. The course will take place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and the cost is \$50. For class schedules or to register, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Enrollment is also available by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) and selecting option 5.

This course covers a brief overview of knowledge and skills necessary to recognize and provide basic care for injuries (including choking) and sudden illness until more advanced medical help arrives. This class meets the Massachusetts Department of Health requirement 105 CMK590.009, which states that food service establishments with a seating capacity of 25 persons need to have on premises an employee trained in removing food lodged in a person's throat. Certification is valid for 1 year.

Restaurant staff will learn to:

- Identify Barriers to Action
- Identify Signals of Life Threatening Emergencies
- Identify Risk Factors for Heart Disease
- Understand Good Samaritan Laws
- Perform Check-Call-Care
- Clear an obstructed airway in conscious adults, children and infants
- Respond when a conscious adult, child or infant with an obstructed airway becomes unconscious
- Administer rescue breathing to children and infants
- Treat Burns and Control Bleeding
- Identify Signs and Symptoms of anaphylaxis (food allergies)
- Respond to someone showing signs and symptoms of a medical emergency

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For more information about volunteering, disaster preparedness or to donate, go to [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org), call (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or write to American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, American Red Cross, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

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