Screwdriver CPR

Scenario Overview:

This scenario is about getting people to have a bit of a think in a less standard resus situation. The patient is not breathing and has a screwdriver impaled in the centre of their chest. The first aiders have been called in to the house by a relative. It's not entirely clear how the screwdriver ended up in the patient's chest.

Difficulty:

First Aider Moderate

How the scenario should progress:

You need to give the first aiders enough time to think through what they are going to do. It's probable that it won't be a perfect resus but helps people remember that it's unlikely to always be 'straightforward'.

Actor Tips:

A CPR doll is ideal for this one. If you can find a screw driver handle (perhaps a toy one) and attach it to the chest and add some fake blood this will help add to the scenario.

Patient 1:

Name: Jonathan Burke Age: About 60 Sex: Male

Medication:

None Known

Allergies:

None Known

Past medical/family/social history:

The family member tells you that the patient is usually fit and well.

Findings on examination:

Not breathing. Bleeding from wound where screwdriver has entered chest. No other significant injuries will be found.

Possible treatment from first aiders:

Primary survey. Work out how best to do CPR. Get help.

Time after start:	O mins
Response:	U
Airway:	Yes
Breathing?	No