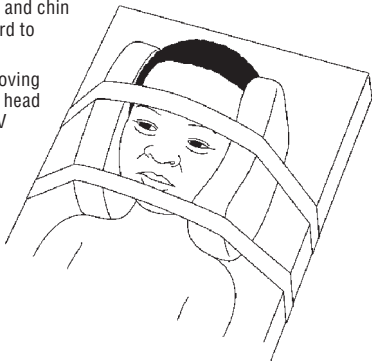


Chart 6. How to position an unconscious child

■ If neck trauma is suspected:

- ▶ Stabilize the child's neck and keep the child lying on the back.
- ▶ Tape the child's forehead and chin to the sides of a firm board to secure this position.
- ▶ Prevent the neck from moving by supporting the child's head (e.g. using litre bags of IV fluid on each side).
- ▶ If the child is vomiting, turn on the side, keeping the head in line with the body.



■ If neck trauma is not suspected:

- ▶ Turn the child on the side to reduce risk of aspiration.
- ▶ Keep the neck slightly extended, and stabilize by placing cheek on one hand.
- ▶ Bend one leg to stabilize the body position.

