

LARYNGOSPASM

WHAT IS IT?

Protective reflex that prevents foreign substances from entering the lower airways

Results in a **sudden closure of the vocal cords**

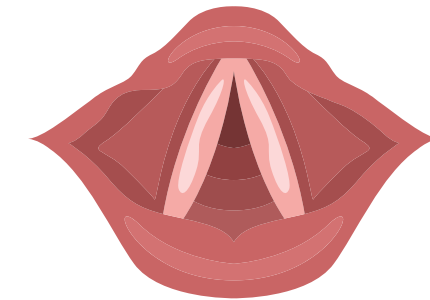
Airway obstruction can be

- partial
- complete

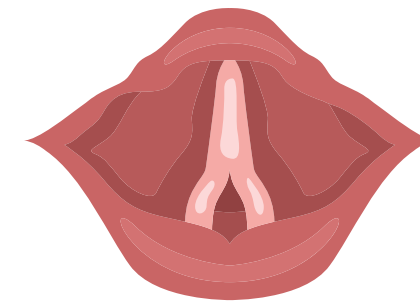
This reflex can be triggered **during airways manipulation**,

Such as

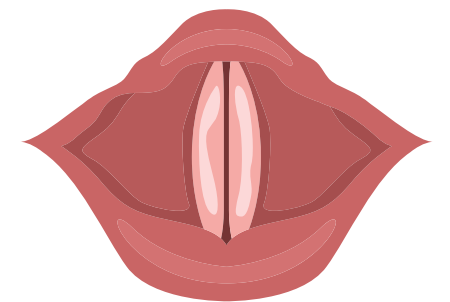
- laryngoscopy
- intubation attempts



Larynx **before** laryngospasm



Partial laryngospasm



Complete laryngospasm

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

If not promptly addressed, laryngospasm may cause **severe complications**:



Hypoxia



Pulmonary edema



Fatal outcomes