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### **Oshkosh Correctional Officer Saves Inmate's Life** *Choking Inmate Saved by Officer's Use of Heimlich Maneuver*

**OSHKOSH, Wis.** – It's something you hear about but rarely witness – a person choking and rescued by someone performing the Heimlich Maneuver. But officials at Oshkosh Correctional Institution (OSCI) credit a quick-thinking correctional officer with saving the life of a choking inmate this week by using the Heimlich Maneuver on him and removing an obstruction from the inmate's throat.

During lunchtime on Thursday, August 9, correctional officers Troy Ehnert and Michael Boelter noticed an inmate knocking on a bathroom window. The inmate was hunched over with a pale look on his face. He was holding his chest and appeared to be choking, Ehnert said.

The officers rushed to the bathroom where the inmate was hunched over a sink. The inmate indicated to the officers that he was choking and Ehnert stood behind the inmate and performed the Heimlich maneuver, which dislodged some pieces of a hotdog bun. The inmate then spit out additional pieces of hotdog bun and started to breath normally.

“Officers Ehnert and Boelter did an outstanding job responding to the incident and used their training to turn a bad situation into a life-saving event,” said Mark Weisgerber, Security Director at OSCI.

The inmate was reviewed by health care personnel and has fully recovered.

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