

Emergency Response Procedure For Snake Bites

First Aid

1. Ensure that the bite casualty, yourself or bystanders are in no immediate danger.
2. Lay the casualty down, reassure and calm them.
3. If bite is on upper limb, remove any jewellery as swelling progresses rapidly.
4. Apply a pressure immobilization bandage* over the bitten area and around the limb.
5. Transport casualty to the Flinders Medical Centre as soon as possible. (See reverse for location)
6. Remain with casualty until hospital staff notifies you otherwise.
7. The person's supervisor/manager is to be informed of the accident as soon as practicable.
8. All normal follow up procedures, regarding accident reporting/forms are to be followed.

- * Apply bandage firmly enough to compress tissue, but not so firmly as to restrict the flow of blood to the limb below the bandage.

Bandage from the bite to the fingers or toes, then up to the armpit or groin.

Bandage as much of the limb as possible.

Apply a splint to the bandaged limb with a second bandage.

Do not remove the splint or bandage, once applied.

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