

# SNAKE BITE MANAGEMENT

**CALL AN AMBULANCE ON 000**



## STEP 1

**Place wound dressing on the bite site.**

Do not wash venom off the skin as it may assist in snake identification.



## STEP 2

**Immediately apply firm pressure on the bandage.**

Apply a further pressure bandage commencing at toes or fingers of the bitten limb and extending upward covering as much of the limb as possible.

**BANDAGE SHOULD BE KEPT FIRM. KEEP THE BODY AND LIMB AS STILL AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT ELEVATE LIMB.**



## STEP 3

**Immobilise the limb.**

After applying the pressure bandage immobilise the limb by binding a splint to it (e.g. a piece of timber, other leg etc.) If the bite is on the forearm put the splinted forearm in a sling.

**CASUALTY MUST STAY CALM , KEEP LIMB STILL AND WAIT FOR EVACUATION.**

Leave the bandage in place until medical aid arrives and check circulation at regular intervals.



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