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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