

SNAKEBITE FIRST AID PROTOCOL

Calm down! Save a life!

- 1**
 - Ensure the area is safe
 - Remain calm and calm the victim
 - Call for hospital transportation
- 2**
 - Remove any restricting clothing or jewellery
 - Apply a pressure bandage for neurotoxic bites
 - If a Pressure Bandage is unavailable, a tourniquet can be applied above the bite site if the responsible snake has been correctly identified as a Black Mamba or a Cape Cobra and you are more than 90 minutes from hospital
 - Immobilise the limb
- 3**
 - Transport to hospital for possible antivenom administration
 - Continuously monitor the victim's vital signs
 - Should respiratory or cardiac arrest occur initiate CPR

DO NOT:



- **Cut or suck on the wound**
- **Kill or capture the snake for identification purposes**
- **Apply a tourniquet, unless it is a Black Mamba or Cape Cobra bite**
- **Amputate the affected body part**

For all your Snake Identification, Handling & Snakebite Treatment Training or Equipment supplies visit our website www.accesspd.co.za

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Hospital:
Site Clinic:
Health & Safety Officer:
Snake Handler:

