

SNAKEBITE PROTOCOL

Time is life!

Memorize this Snakebite Protocol!

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- Remain calm
- Ensure safety by getting away from the snake
- Do not catch or kill the snake
- Call for medical assistance

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- Immediately 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
- Immobilize the affected limb to prevent movement
- Rinse venom out of the eyes with water

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- Ensure quick transportation to the hospital
- Where possible call ahead to inform the hospital that you are on the way

DO NOT:



- Do not cut into the wound
- Do not try and suck venom from the wound
- Do not give the victim alcohol or pain medication

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:

