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## MANAGING A SNAKE BITE

Recognising Snake Bite:

- puncture marks
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea
- headache
- double or blurred vision
- breathing difficulties
- drowsiness, giddiness
- pain or tightness in chest or abdomen
- respiratory weakness or arrest

If victim is unconscious, follow DRABCD ...Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, CPR, Defibrillation

1. Ensure victim remains calm.
2. Apply strong pressure with Heavy Crepe bandage from limb extremities (fingers, toes) and bandage as far up the limb as possible.
3. Immobilize casualty and use a splint if available and check circulation
4. Call 000 for an ambulance.

### WARNINGS

- Do not wash venom off the skin as retained venom will assist identification.
- Do not cut bitten area or try to suck venom out of the wound.
- Do not use a constrictive bandage (i.e. arterial tourniquet).
- Do not try and catch the snake