

# SNAKE, FUNNEL WEB, & MOUSE SPIDER BITE

Ensure Safety

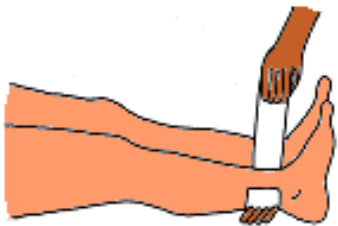
Call the Ambulance - Triple Zero (000)

If snake or spider bite is suspected – call ambulance and treat immediately

## STEP ONE



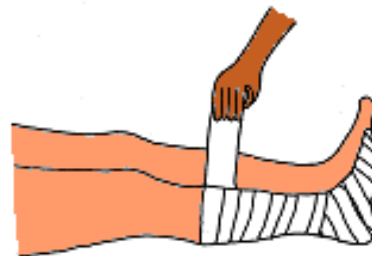
- + Lie casualty down
- + Stop them moving
- + Apply firm pressure on bite
- + Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage over the bite site
  - crepe bandages are preferred



## STEP TWO



- + Apply as tightly, as for a sprained ankle
- + Apply **another** pressure bandage:
  - start at fingers or toes of the bitten limb
  - continue **upward** cover as much of the limb as possible



## STEP THREE



- + CALL THE AMBULANCE
- + Splint bitten limb on **both sides** or **to own body** eg:
  - arm in a sling or,
  - tie ankles together
- + Bring transport to the casualty
- + Seek medical assistance urgently



## SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

### SNAKE:

- + Paired or single, bite or scratch marks
- + Nausea or Vomiting
- + Vision problems
- + Headache
- + Confusion
- + Difficulty speaking/ swallowing
- + Difficulty breathing
- + Limb weakness or paralysis
- + Swollen tender glands
- + Bruising, bleeding, swelling

### FUNNELWEB/MOUSE spider

- + Pain at bite site
- + Nausea, abdominal pain
- + Tingling around mouth
- + Profuse sweating
- + Excessive saliva
- + Confusion
- + Muscular twitching/numbness
- + Breathing difficulty

Note: If casualty stops breathing cease all treatment and provide CPR

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Research has shown that very little venom reaches circulation if a pressure immobilisation bandage is applied immediately.