Basic First Aid Guide (2011)

PRIMARY ASSESSMENT

• Assess the scene & victim

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- Alert EMS or call 911
- Attend injuries

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS



- Protective eyewear
- Soap & water
- Latex gloves
- Other barriers to bodily fluids



SIGNS OF SHOCK

- Anxiety, restlessness or irritability
- Altered consciousness
- · Pale, cool, moist skin
- Eyes lackluster, dazed look
- Rapid pulse rate and or Rapid breathing
- Weak helpless feeling
- Thirst and / or Nausea

CARE FOR SHOCK

- · Lay the victim flat on ground
- Keep victim comfortable & calm
- · Control any external bleeding
- · Keep airway open
- Cover victim, maintain body temperature
- · Do not give victim anything to eat or drink
- Activate EMS & monitor regularly

BLEEDING CONTROL

- Direct pressure
- Observe Universal Precautions
- Manage shock
- Suspect internal bleeding if chest or abdomen is hit hard; Activate EMS

RECOVERY POSITION

- Helps maintain and protect open airway
- Frequently assess



CARE FOR BURNS

"Stop, Drop & Roll"

1st & 2nd Degree Thermal Burns

Apply cool running water



3rd Degree Thermal Burns

- Activate EMS
- Do not apply water (unless exposed to a chemical)
- Cover with clean, dry dressing
- Treat for shock

Electrical Burns

- Turn power off
- Activate EMS



CHEMICAL INJURIES

Dry Chemicals on Skin

- · Do not apply water; Brush off
- Activate EMS

Chemicals in Eyes

- Activate EMS
- Flush eyes with cool running water for 15-30 minutes



CARE FOR POISONING

Poison Control 800-222-1222

- Follow directions on container
- Call Poison Control or 911
- Keep victim calm. Do not induce vomiting or give anything to eat or drink unless directed to do so.

HEAD, NECK OR BACK INJURIES



- Keep victim still
- Ask how injury happened, if numbness, tingling, burning or loss of sensation in arms or legs
- Stabilize head, protect airway, activate EMS

MUSCLE & BONE INJURIES

- Treat as fractures
- Stabilize & immobilize; Activate EMS



SOME SUDDEN ILLNESSES

Diabetes

 If victim is conscious give something with sugar (i.e. fruit juice); Activate EMS



Altered mental status, Asthma, Seizures, Stroke, Heart Attack, Allergic Reactions

Place in recovery position; Activate EMS

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Symptoms

- · Heavy sweating
- Pale, cool skin
- Nausea, stomach cramps
- Headache, dizziness, fatigue

Treatment

- -Lie victim down
- -Elevate legs
- -Cool off with water & fan

HEAT STROKE

Symptoms

- Hot, dry, red skin
- Confusion
- Unconsciousness
- Little or no sweating
- · Full, rapid pulse

Treatment

- -Activate EMS
- -Aggressive cooling

HYPOTHERMIA & FROST BITE

- Remove from cold; Activate EMS
- If Frost Bite exists, protect skin (don't rub) frozen tissue

