



Snake First Aid

As summer approaches, snakes become more active. Being aware of snakes and giving them lots of space if you see them in the wild is best practice. It's also important to learn how to treat a snake bite!

You will need:

- Wide roll of bandages
- A splint (e.g. a straight stick)

Instructions:

1. Call triple zero (000) or 112.
2. Do not clean the wound or remove the venom. The venom can assist the doctors to identify the snake and administer the correct anti-venom.
3. Assuming the bite is on the leg, bandage up the limb from the toes to the thigh. Use firm bandaging, but not too tight to cut off circulation. Overlap the bandage half the width each time. If you can, mark with a pen where on the leg the bite is.



4. Leave the toes visible so you can check the circulation!
5. Use a splint (e.g. a stick, or even the other leg) to immobilise the leg.
6. **Keep the patient still and calm** until they can be transported to hospital.

