

EMERGENCY CARE FOR LIMB INJURY

1. Call 24-hour emergency care for Louisville/Southern Indiana
(502) 561-4263 or 1-800-477-4263

If life threatening call 911

2. No food or liquids for patient
in case anesthesia is needed

3. Transport patient and severed part
to designated medical facility



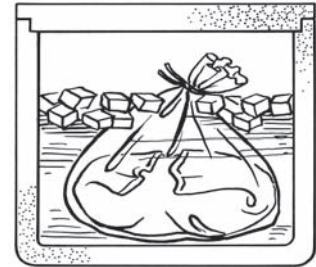
Amputated Limb



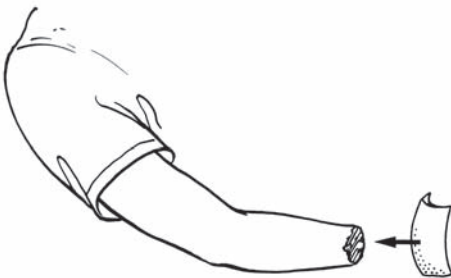
Step 1. Slightly dampen a cloth, paper towel, or gauze. Wrap severed part in it.



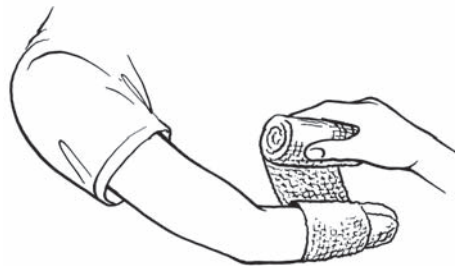
Step 2. Place wrapped part in a clean plastic bag and seal so that it is waterproof.



Step 3. Pour cold water in an insulated cooler large enough to hold body part. Add just enough regular ice (**not** dry ice) to keep the water cold during transport. The severed part must not become frozen!



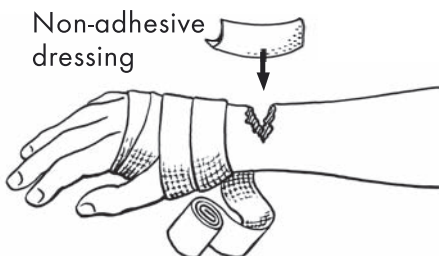
Step 4. Place a non-adhesive dressing or gauze sponge over the wound.



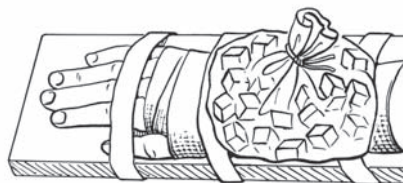
Step 5. Wrap the end of the limb or digit snugly so bleeding stops. Do not wrap so tightly that blood flow is cut off to healthy tissue.

Note. If excessive bleeding does **not** stop, raise arm or leg high for a few minutes. Do not place clamps on any bleeding arteries or veins. If this does not work apply a tourniquet to the upper arm or thigh. Release tourniquet completely every 10 minutes for at least 2 - 3 minutes. If bleeding stops do not reapply tourniquet.

Partially Severed Limb



Step 1. Wrap the limb or digit snugly with a gauze bandage or tan elastic bandage so that bleeding stops. But not so tightly that blood flow is cut off to healthy tissue.



Step 2. Splint the injured area by strapping it to a piece of rigid material. Place a regular ice pack on the injured area.



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