



# 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**



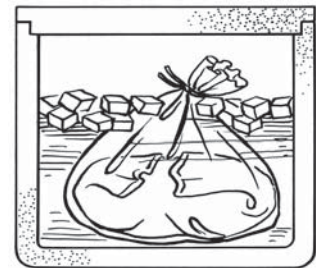
## Amputated Limb



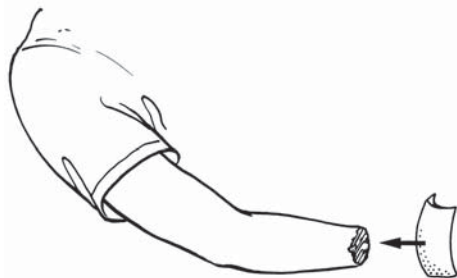
**Step 1.** Slightly dampen a cloth, paper towel, or gauze. Wrap severed part in it.



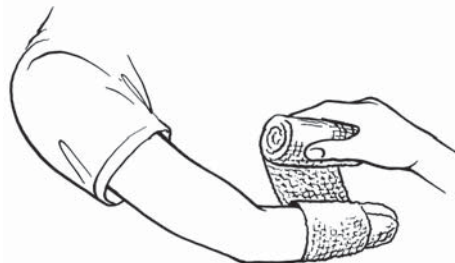
**Step 2.** Place wrapped part in a clean plastic bag and seal so that it is waterproof.



**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.

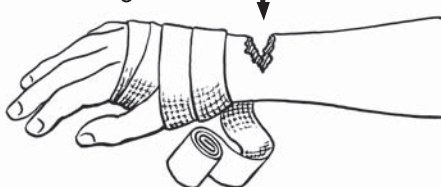


**Step 5.** Wrap the end of the limb or digit snugly so bleeding stops. Do not wrap so tightly that blood flow is cut off to healthy tissue.

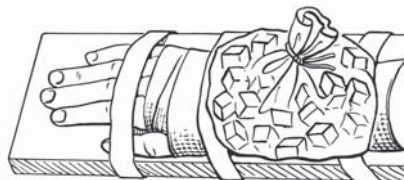
**Note.** If excessive bleeding does **not** stop, raise arm or leg high for a few minutes. Do not place clamps on any bleeding arteries or veins. If this does not work apply a tourniquet to the upper arm or thigh. Release tourniquet completely every 10 minutes for at least 2 - 3 minutes. If bleeding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

## Partially Severed Limb

Non-adhesive dressing



**Step 1.** Wrap the limb or digit snugly with a gauze bandage or an 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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