



## **SNAKE and FUNNEL-WEB SPIDER BITES**

### **First Aid**

1. Check person is breathing
  - If not breathing start mouth to mouth breathing and chest compressions
2. Stay calm and keep bitten person calm
3. Apply a firm bandage to the limb where the bite is
  - If possible place a tissue over the bite area.
  - Arm start at the fingers and bandage all the arm up to the arm pit
  - Leg start at the toes and bandage as far up the leg as you can
4. Keep the limb still by using a splint
5. Keep the bitten person as still as possible
6. **CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE. Phone 000**

### **RED-BACK SPIDER**

1. Apply ice- pack to the bite area
2. **CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE. Phone 000**

**DO NOT WASH THE BITE AREA**

**DO NOT USE A TOURNIQUET**

**DO NOT TRY TO CATCH THE SNAKE**

## **SIGNS and SYMPTOMS**

### **SNAKE BITE**

- **puncture marks**
- **feeling like vomiting, vomiting, diarrhoea**
- **headache**
- **double or blurred vision**
- **breathing difficulty**
- **drowsiness, giddiness**
- **pain or tightness in chest or stomach area**
- **breathing weakness or no breathing**

### **FUNNEL-WEB SPIDER**

- **lots of spit in the mouth**
- **confusion, muddled headed before becoming unconscious**
- **muscle twitching**
- **breathing difficulty**

### **RED-BACK SPIDER**

- **lots of pain spreading out from pain area**
- **small hairs around bite area standing up**

### **SPIDER BITE**

- **sharp pain**
- **lots of sweating**
- **feeling like vomiting, vomiting, diarrhoea**

Reference: St John Ambulance