SNAKE, FUNNEL WEB, & MOUSE SPIDER BITE

Ensure Safety

If snake or spider bite is suspected – call ambulance and treat immediately

**STEP ONE**

✚ Lie casualty down
✚ Stop them moving
✚ Apply firm pressure on bite
✚ Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage over the bite site  
  – crepe bandages are preferred

**STEP TWO**

✚ Apply as tightly, as for a sprained ankle
✚ Apply another pressure bandage:  
  – start at fingers or toes of the bitten limb  
  – continue upward cover as much of the limb as possible

**STEP THREE**

✚ CALL THE AMBULANCE
✚ Splint bitten limb on both sides or to own body eg:  
  – arm in a sling or,  
  – tie ankles together
✚ Bring transport to the casualty
✚ Seek medical assistance urgently

**SIGN & SYMPTOMS**

**SNAKE:**
✚ Paired or single, bite or scratch marks  
✚ Nausea or Vomiting  
✚ Vision problems  
✚ Headache  
✚ Confusion  
✚ Difficulty speaking/swallowing  
✚ Difficulty breathing  
✚ Limb weakness or paralysis  
✚ Swollen tender glands  
✚ Bruising, bleeding, swelling

**FUNNELWEB/MOUSE SPIDER**
✚ Pain at bite site  
✚ Nausea, abdominal pain  
✚ Tingling around mouth  
✚ Profuse sweating  
✚ Excessive saliva  
✚ Confusion  
✚ Muscular twitching/numbness  
✚ Breathing difficulty

Note: If casualty stops breathing cease all treatment and provide CPR

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Research has shown that very little venom reaches circulation if a pressure immobilisation bandage is applied immediately.