



Severe Bleeding

Disclaimer: This handout provides a general overview of a selected first aid topic. Consult your doctor for personal medical advice, diagnoses, and treatment.

- 1. Have the injured person lie down.
- 2. While wearing medical gloves, remove any obvious dirt or debris from the wound. Do not attempt to remove large or deeply embedded objects.
- 3. With a sterile bandage, apply pressure directly on the wound until bleeding stops.
- 4. If bleeding soaks through the bandage, do not remove the bandage, add more.
- 5. Seek medical attention immediately.

Signs of internal bleeding:

- Bleeding from body cavities
- Vomiting or coughing up blood
- Bruising
- Wounds in the skull, chest, or abdomen
- Muscle tender or spastic
- Broken bones
- Shock

If a body part is severed, wrap it in sterile gauze and seek medical attention immediately.