



Place wound dressing on bite site.

Immediately apply a firm pressure bandage over the bite site. Do not wash venom off the skin as it will assist in later identification.



Bandage from the extremity (fingers or toes) upwards covering as much of the limb as possible.



Bandage should be firm. Keep the body and limb as still as possible. Do not elevate the limb.



After applying the pressure bandage immobilise the limb by binding a splint to it (eg: piece of timber, other leg etc). If the bite is on the forearm put the splinted forearm in a sling.

Casualty must stay calm, keep limb still and wait evacuation.

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It is safe to leave the bandages in place until medical aid is reached. Check circulation at regular intervals.

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