

FIRST AID FOR VENOMOUS BITES

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Assess and maintain airway

- Ensure the patient is still and breathing comfortably.
- Observe for any signs of respiratory distress.



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Compression

- Immediately apply a broad compression bandage to the bite site at the same pressure as for a sprain.
- Extend the bandage to cover the whole of the bitten limb including fingers/toes.



***Eloflex#** is a high stretch compression bandage for the immediate compression treatment for venomous bites, sprains, strains, and bruises. This elasticised, beige bandage provides resting compression, comprises natural, air-permeable fibres which stretch up to 200% and is washable.*

I

Immobilise

- Splint limb and immobilise to reduce lymphatic circulation.
- Keep the patient still avoiding any muscle movement. Bring the transport to the patient.



Tensofix#

Bi-conformable retention bandage

D

Don't!

- **DON'T WASH OR CLEAN THE WOUND**
- **DON'T GIVE ALCOHOL, FOOD or STIMULANTS**
- **DON'T CUT THE WOUND**
- **DON'T USE A TOURNIQUET**



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EVENT HISTORY

- 1** Snake/ Spider Bite.....ConfirmedWitnessed.....Suspected.
- 2** Time of event.....
- 3** Time Compression applied.....
- 4** Documentation of First Aid applied.....
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- 5** Description of snake/spider.....
- 6** Geographic location.....
- 7** Type, and timing of symptoms:
 - headache.....
 - Nausea.....
 - Vomiting.....
 - Abdominal pain.....
 - Blurred double vision.....
 - Slurring of speech.....
 - Muscle weakness.....
 - Respiratory distress.....
 - Bleeding from site or elsewhere.....
 - Passing of dark or red urine.....
 - Respiratory distress.....
 - Bleeding from site or elsewhere.....
 - Passing of dark or red urine.....

PATIENT HISTORY

- 1** Name:
- 2** D.O.B.:/...../.....
- 3** Allergies:
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- 4** Medical history (e.g. respiratory, renal, cardiac).....
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- 5** History of previous venomation.....
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- 6** Medications (e.g. anticoagulants).....
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