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## **Animal Bites**

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

### **Minor:**

Bite barely breaks the skin

1. Stop the bleeding
2. Clean the wound
3. Apply an antibiotic (Neosporin)
4. Cover the wound
5. Change dressing regularly
6. Watch for signs of infection

### **Major:**

Bite is deep

1. Follow instructions above
2. Seek medical attention immediately

Skin is severely torn and bleeding

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. Seek medical attention immediately.

### **Seek medical attention if:**

- Bleeding persists
- Bite area becomes infected
- Major wound in foot
- Bite area contaminated
- Any chance the animal that bit has rabies