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Tick Bites

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

1. With tweezers, grasp tick firmly at its head
2. Pull tick straight out with gentle but steady force
3. If possible, seal tick in jar of alcohol (doctor may need tick if illness symptoms occur)
4. Wash hands and bite area thoroughly

Do Not:

- Use petroleum jelly or cream to remove
- Use a lit match to remove and kill
- Twist or rock tick from side to side when removing
- Handle tick with bare hands
- Apply alcohol to bite area when tick is still attached

Seek medical attention for:

- Rash
- Fever
- Muscle aches
- Joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Flu-like symptoms
- Severe headache
- Difficult breathing
- Paralysis
- Chest pain