



BE AWARE THAT A SNAKE BITE COULD BE POTENTIALLY LIFE THREATENING

Signs and Symptoms:

- Fang marks or chewing marks
- Redness and/or swelling
- Vomiting
- Breathing difficulty
- Burning sensation
- Pain
- Nausea

Procedures:

- **Call 911.**
- Check victim for breathing and circulation. Initiate CPR if indicated.
- Wash bite area with antibacterial soap and water.
- Remove victim's rings, bracelets or any constricting jewelry.
- Immobilize affected area at or below heart level.
- Stay calm and encourage the victim to be calm and remain quiet; do not allow victim to walk, run, or be active.

Reminders:

- Do not apply ice to the affected area, but a cool compress may be applied.
- Do not make a cut (incision) over the injury site.
- Do not suck the wound.
- Identify the snake if possible, but do not disturb it. If the snake has been killed, give it to the health care provider.