

STAY SAFE WITH SOCIETY



FIRST AID FOR CUTS

There are two ways in which an infection can attack our bodies. It can be taken in through the mouth and enter the body by way of the digestive organs, or it can enter directly into the bloodstream through an abrasion or cut in the skin. In any event, every infection eventually works into the bloodstream.

The smallest cut, abrasion, or scratch is large enough for germs to enter. If germs are not washed off, they will cause an infection. If left untreated, a hand or arm could become so infected that it might have to be amputated.

If you suffer a small scratch or cut, get it washed out and properly covered with a clean bandage. Remember: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Serious cuts and lacerations must be treated by professional medical personnel.

Most often you'll experience smaller injuries: burns, nicks, scratches, and cuts. The danger here is that most workers don't bother to get first aid for these minor injuries. Don't neglect cuts. Do your part by trying to prevent them from happening in the first place, but when any injury occurs — serious or minor — ensure that it receives the right kind of treatment as quickly as possible.

Check first aid kits frequently to ensure that they are clean and fully stocked. This applies to your home, car, and boat, as well as on the job.

Checklist:

- Clean cuts immediately
- Have serious cuts/lacerations treated by professional medical personnel
- Do not delay first aid treatment
- Keep first aid kits stocked with proper supplies

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