

SSP SPECIFIC HAZARD ATTACHMENT: ANIMAL BITES

Potential Source	Signs and Symptoms	Controls	Medical Response
Bites from <u>Rabid</u> mammals	Drooling Irritability Strange, abnormal behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recon area prior to work to identify habitats of mammals that may bite • Identify animals and unusual behavior • If necessary, use wildlife experts to relocate animals • Report rabid animals to local authorities • Obtain emergency bite kits 	Get medical assistance immediately
Bites from mammals: Dogs, Cats Skunks, Raccoons, Foxes, Badgers Wolves, Bears, Cows	Pain and tenderness of wound Redness, heat, swelling Puss under the skin Red streaks around wound Swollen lymph nodes in art pits, groin, and neck		Get medication attention ASAP to address infection Ensure tetanus shot is update Interview individual to determine appearance/disposition of animal
Snake Bites Water Moccasins Rattle Snakes Pit vipers Ticks Coral Snakes	<i>Some or all of the following:</i> Fang marks Swelling, discoloration, pain Heat around fang marks Weakness, sweating, faintness Shock <i>For Coral Snake:</i> Respiratory paralysis Bizarre behavior Unusual eye movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recon area prior to work to identify habitats of snakes that may bite • Place locations on SSP map • Identify snakes and unusual behavior • If necessary, use wildlife experts to relocate snakes • Report aggressive snakes to local authorities • Obtain emergency bite kits 	Control serious bleeding Apply pressure using gauze pad (tourniquets are inadvisable) Wash before touching wound Wear rubber gloves when treating victim Wash wounds that are not bleeding heavily Cover with clean dressing and bandage
Get immediate medical attention for any potential victim of poisoning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep victim still to slow spread of venom • Place bite area below heart to slow spread of venom • Wash with soap and water • Use splint to immobilize bitten arms or legs • Use cold pack with gauze before skin • Do not administer aspirin or alcohol • Do not suck out poison • Do not use tourniquets 			
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