Camp Catoctin – BSA

Francis Scot Key District / National Capital Area Council

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2024 First Aid Requirements

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Wmscoutsafety.	org	
 Scene Safety Is the Scene safe for you to work in? Vehicle Traffic, Aggressive / Wild / Dangerous Anim Gas/Fuel Hazards, Fire / Smoke / Hazardous Materia Building Collapse / Loose Ground Material, Infectio Intentional Incident / Active Shooter / Terrorist Bio-Hazard Exposure If you get blood or body fluids on you, you should a Scout leader and Parents. Seek medical care. Where possible, use disposable equipment and dist To clean non-disposable equipment, soak in a 10% minutes and allow to air dry. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Reflective Traffic Safety Vests Hard Hats / Helmets Eye and Hearing Protection Work Gloves Body Substance Isolation (BSI) Medical Gloves (non-latex) Eye/Face Protection 	ials, Overhead Hazards / ous Exposure Hazards, also report the incident to your pose of properly	MB 4. Discus ways to protect yourself while administering first aid
CPR Barriers Initial (Rapid) Patient Assessment and Interven	ation	
 Five for You Scene Safety / Establish Control of the Scene BSI / PPE Scene Size Up / Number of Patients General Impression of Patients Condition Mech Illness Additional Resources Needed / 911 Calling Emergency Services When calling 911 – Give exact location, nature incident occurred if known, and number of patients Give a CAN report: Current <u>C</u>onditions <u>Actions being taken on Scene</u> What you <u>N</u>eed Five for Them - Rapid Initial Assessment Open Airway – Check for Breathing Check for major <u>Bleeding</u> – Stop the Bleed If not breathing – Start <u>CPR (</u>30:2) If breathing – <u>Determine</u> other injuries Protect from <u>Environment</u> Correct Immediate Threats to Life (Bleeding Control, C If you suspect Spinal Cord Damage- Cervical (Neck) and Care for other Obvious Significant or Environmental Inj Go to Secondary Assessment (Unless Multiple Patient S Secondary Assessment (Unless Multiple Patient S)	nanism of Injury or Nature of of injuries or illness, time s. Determining the Mechanism of Injury (MOI) (how the person got hurt) can help you quickly suspect the potential of serious injury, especially to Dpen Airway and CPR) Hack Stabilization/Protection uries	MB 2. How would you obtain emergency assistance from: - Home -Remote or Wilderness

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 Secondary (Focused) Patient Assessment – In Locates other problems that require first aid Focused Hands On Exam - DOTS Deformities Open Injuries Tenderness Swelling Circulation, Sensation, and Motion Skin Color, Temperature, Moisture Suspected Spinal Injury Based on MECHANISM OF INJURY and Circulation, Set If Spinal damage is suspected: Manual stabilization of the neck – Leave helr airway Place victim in neutral or straight alignment is 	ensation, and Motion assessment mets on unless necessary to open	MB 12. Describe the signs, symptoms, and possible complications and demonstrate care for someone with
Triage – Multiple Patients		a suspected injury to
 When you have multiple patients, you need to determine how your resources will be allocated. supplies and first aid providers. You must consider resources to arrive on Scene. Triage is a system of rapidly evaluating victime treatment. In a mass casualty situation, you need people. This is with the understanding that you may not have resources, and you may not have enough resources. 	Resources include first aid er how long it will take adequate n's injuries and prioritizing d to do the most good for the most may have more patients than you	MB 3 Define the term
Triage Procedures	TRIAGE TREATMENT AREAS	triage.
 Establish Command Structure – Must have an overall leader (Incident Commander), treatment area leaders, and patient assessors / transporters Establish Triage and Treatment Areas with assigned leaders Rapid Assessment 	PRIORITY 1 – RED: Impaired Breathing or Circulation, or other obvious life threating injury such as uncontrolled bleeding or severe head injury	(b)Explain the steps necessary to assess and handle a medical emergency until help arrives.
• Airway	PRIORITY 2 – YELLOW: Not	
 Breathing Check for major Bleeding 	Walking – Unimpaired	
Check for major BleedingIs patient Conscious	Breathing and Circulation	
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 Then – MARCH Massive Bleeding Airway Management Respirations (assist) Circulation Hypothermia (prevent) 	PRIORITY 3 – GREEN: Walking Wounded PRIORITY 4 – BLACK: Not Breathing / NO Pulse	

Bleeding		MB 8. (a & b) Open
 Arterial Bleeding Life Threatening Spurts Venous Bleeding Flows Capillary Oozing Bruises 	Bleeding - Treatment – Expose Wound – Direct Pressure – Clean Wound – Sterile Dressing • Bulky if necessary – Bandage – Monitor Patient's Breathing nsider Shock and Hypothermia	Wounds MB 13 (d) Brusies TFOOT 4a. • Simple cuts and scrapes • Blisters on the hand and foot 2 ^{nd Class} 6a Puncture Wound 1 ^{st Class} 7a Bandage Upper Arm and Head
Severe Bleeding		
BLEEDING CONTROL (BCON) - STOP Major Trauma Bleeding / Life Threatening Bleed		2 ^{nd Class} 6b Severe Bleeding
 Arm or Leg Tourniquet Direct Pressure Dress and Bandage Shoulder, Neck, Groin Pack Wound Direct Pressure Dress and Bandage Treat for Shock and Hypothermia Monitor Patient if Possible Seek Immediate Emergency Care 	www.bleedingcontrol.org	MB 8 (c) Explain the appropriate use of a tourniquet / Tell the dangers in the use of a tourniquet and the conditions under which its use is justified.
 Tourniquets Major Life-Threatening Bleeding on Extremities Apply High and Tight or at least two inches above wound Never Over Joint Recheck / Re-tighten Once on – Stays On May Need Second Tourniquet Document time of application and location of tourniquet <u>on patient</u> Never cover the tourniquet Seek Immediate Emergency Care 	 Wound Packing Where You Can't Use a Tourniquet Groin, Axilla (armpits), Shoulders <u>NOT in Chest or Abdomen!</u> Roller Gauze or Zee Fold Gauze Seek Immediate Emergency Care Hemostatic works best but not necessary In extreme situations, use whatever you have 	

Superficial 1st degree Red, Painful	Partial Thickness 2nd degree Red, Painful, Swollen Blisters	Full Thickness 3rd degree Pain only towards edges Charred skin	MB 13 (h) Burns
 Heat Chemical Electrical Radiation General Care for Burns Remove patient from source Do not remove melted on ma Brush off dry chemicals Cool with Water Gently clean injury site Do not break blisters 			^{TFOOT} 4a Minor (thermal/heat) burns or scalds (superficial, or first-degree) including Sunburn 2 ^{nd Class} 6a Partial Thickness Burns
 Remove anything that binds General Care for Burns Dress with dry dressing Consider using Mylar emerge Monitor Patient's Breathing If conscious – keep patient he Watch for and treat for shock Re-dress injury twice each dat Chemical Injuries or chemical burns: you have read the warning label on t 	ency blanket for dres ydrated < as necessary IV Brush product off p	ssing	
challenged, causing t insufficient flow of o – AKA: Ina • Usually caused b – Blood Lo – Dehydra • Early Signs / – Patient A – Heart Ra – Skin – Pa – Nausea • Later Stages – Heart Ra extremit	he persons brain an xygenated blood. dequate Profusion y Loss of Necessary ss tion Symptoms of Shock Anxious, Restless, Dis te – Rapid and Weal ory Rate – Rapid and le, Cool, Clammy of Shock ed Level of Responsit te – Rapid and Weal	sorientated k I Shallow veness k, will eventually disappear at	MB 6. (a) Shock 2nd 6a Shock

 Care for Shock Treat Bleeding / Dehydration Issues Keep patient Calm, Lying Down in Position of Comfort Maintain Patients Body Temperature Elevate Patients Legs Maintain Airway - Monitor Patient's Breathing Get to Immediate Emergency Care 	
Life Threatening Emergencies	
 ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS Anaphylactic Shock is a severe allergic reaction and is very life threatening 	MB 9. Explain when a bee sting could be life
 Signs and Symptoms of Allergic Reaction 	threatening and what action should be
Stuffy nose / Congestion	taken for prevention
 Flushed – itchy skin 	and for first aid.
Sneezing	
 Nasal Discharge – Runny nose 	
 Itchy / watery eyes 	MB 13 (b)
 Swelling (insect sting / bite) 	Anaphylaxis/allergic
Hives	reactions
Care for Allergic Reaction	
Remove allergen from patient or patient from allergen	
Wash allergens off area off patient (where applicable)	
Consider topical or oral Antihistamine	
Signs and Symptoms of Anaphylaxis	
Patient may advise prior history	
Trouble Breathing / wheezing	
Redness / hives	
Inability to speak	
Swelling of stung/bitten area	
 Swelling of face, lips, tongue, sometimes hands and feet 	
Medical Alert Tags	
Care for Anaphylaxis	
Remove allergen from patient or patient from allergen	
 Help patient self-administer Epinephrine Auto-injector Epi-Pen 	
Keep patient hydrated – if alert	
 Patient in a position of comfort (shade) / MONITOR PATIENT / Call 911 	

Азтнма		MB 13 (c) Asthma
An asthma a around you	attack is a sudden worsening of asthma symptoms caused by the tightening of muscles r airways.	
•	Common asthma symptoms include:	
	 Coughing, especially at night 	
	Wheezing	
	Shortness of breath	
	Chest tightness, pain, or pressure	
•	Give asthma first aid.	
	 Sit them upright comfortably and loosen tight clothing. 	
	• If the person has asthma medication, such as an inhaler, help them take it	
	If no inhaler or inhaler does not provide relief, Call 911	
Снокім	G	TFOOT 4a Choking
•	Stand behind patients with their legs slightly spread – your knee between their legs	
•	Put your arms around patient's waist – under their arms – give repeated abdominal	
	thrusts ¹	
•	If the person passes out – gently guide them to the floor and begin CPR	MB 6. (b) Heart attack
HEART A	Аттаск	2 ^{nd class} CPR
Sigi	ns and Symptom	_ ••••
	 Pain, Pressure and Chest Discomfort 	1 ^{st Class} 7c Signs of a
	 Pain – Predominantly on Left Side, 	Heart Attack
	Radiating to Shoulder, Arm, Jaw	How to do CPR
	Radiating pain may not present in all patients	
	 Nausea, Sweating Shortness of Breath 	MB 7. (a) Describe
	 General Weakness 	the conditions that
	– Denial	must exist before performing CPR on a
Car		person. (b) Then
	 Keep Patient Calm, in Position of Comfort 	demonstrate proper
	Usually NOT Lying Down	CPR technique using
	 Do Not Allow patient to Walk Help Patient Self Administer Prescribed Nitroglycerin or Non-Coated Aspirin (325 	a training device
	mg)	approved by your
	 Maintain Airway - Monitor Patient's Breathing 	counselor.
	Get to Immediate Emergency Care	(c & d) Explain and
	 Be Prepared to Administer CPR / AED 	demonstrate the use
		of an automated
		external defibrillator
		(AED). (e) identify where
		AEDs are located

¹ The 2017 (13th) edition BSA Handbook and 2016 First Aid Merit Badge book still calls for giving five back blows. This is no longer medically advised.

STROKE

Suspect Possible Strok	ke if:		MB 6(c) Stroke
Sudden Loss or Blurring of	Facial Droop	IMPORTANT:	IND O(C) SUICKE
Vision	Arm Drift		2 ^{nd Class} 6b Stroke
Sudden Balance Impairment	Impaired Speech	<u>T</u> ime Last Seen Well	
or			
		l	
Muscle, Joint, and Bone I	niuru		
		gaments, muscles, tendons, and	MB 10 . Describe the
			signs and symptoms
cartilage – are the most comm			suspected closed and
Strains: Over stretching c		ions	open fractures or
• Sprains: Injuries to the lig			dislocations
• Fractures: Brake, chip, or			
 Closed Fracture: 			
)pen wound in the ski	n over the fracture, sometimes the bone	
is visible			MB 11 demonstrate
		n its normal position of function	the proper
Because these injuries with the second	ill look alike, they are	all treated in same way	procedures for
• How do you find them?	_		handling and
 Remember DOTS 			immobilizing
Deformit			
Open Inj			(a) Finger
Tenderne	ess		(b) Forearm
Swelling			(c) Wrist
	on, Sensation, and Mo	otion	(d) Upper leg
Care for Bone and Joint Injuri	es		(e) Lower leg
 Fully assess the injury 			(f) Ankle
-	e clothing from patien	t	
	ation, and Motion		
 Can patient move 	•		
 Determine Mech 			
<i>i i</i>	e two sides of body		
 Observe if patien 	nt is "guarding" one pa	art of body	
Specific Fractures	ماماني مام مرينا الم	when every disert. De able to your over	Rest
	•	wrap around head. Be able to remove	
quickly if patient	icle) – secure with slin	and swath	Immobilize
		with well-padded splint, sling and swath	
-	d to next uninjured fir		Cold
-	-	and swath with elbow free. Splint not	
always necessary			Elevate
	, secure the entire on a	rigid litter	
		re with well-padded rigid support	
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Splinting –	
 Splitting – Splitting – Splitting – 	
 Splint m position of function Splint must be long enough to restrict movement between joints 	
 Pad for comfort and fill voids 	
 Sling and Swath as appropriate 	1 ^{st Class} 7a Sprained
 Monitor Patient - Check Circulation, Sensation, and Motion below the injury site 	Ankle
 Don't cause more pain (Do no harm) 	Collar Bone
 Remove anything that binds (Jewelry, rings, watches, silly bands) 	
 Determine resources for making splint 	
 Angulated fractures (angles in bones) need to be straightened. Pull 	
traction along the line in which it lies. Once aligned, splint as normal.	
 Splint in the position found 	
Compartment Syndrome	
Significant damage to muscular system due to lack of profusion	
and increased pressure	
Strains and Sprains	MB 13 (e)
 Evaluate injury – 	
 Can the patient move the injured area with little, some, or much pain? 	
– Can the injured area support weight?	
 General Care begins with RICE 	
 Re-evaluate after rest – When in doubt, Splint 	
Cold Related Emergencies	
 Hypothermia - Lowering of the core body temperature to a point where 	
function is impaired	
Preventing Hypothermia / Prevent Heat Loss	MB 13. (f)
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Frost Bite - Freezing of body parts exposed to cold	
 Signs and Symptoms Numbness or lack of feeling unaffected areas Skin appears "waxy" / cold to touch Discolored 	MB 13 (e) Frostbite
 Care Handle patient and affected area gently Never rub affected area If possible – re warm affected area by soaking in warm – not hot – water Do not attempt to re warm if patient cannot be protected from exposure and potentially re freezing Loosely dress and bandage (separate fingers/toes) Monitor Patient's Breathing Evacuate to Immediate Emergency Care 	^{TFOOT} 4a Frostbite MB 14 (a) Describe
Moving a Patient	the conditions under
 When to move a patient When the scene becomes unsafe and movement to a safe area is necessary When necessary to protect the patient from further environmental harm When moving a patient, determine: How far you need to go and how rapidly? Does the patient have a suspect spinal or other injury that could be complicated by movement? What supplies do you have? Move the patient the shortest distance possible providing support for suspect spinal or musculoskeletal injuries. There are several patient carries detailed in the Scout Handbook. Consider Hypothermia Wrap as a patient stretcher 	which an injured person should be moved. (b) If a sick or an injured person must be moved, tell how you would determine the best method. Demonstrate this method. (c) With helpers under your supervision, improvise a stretcher and move a
Heat Related Emergencies	presumably
Prevention	unconscious person.
 Stay Hydrated Before / After exertion – 20 oz. every 2 hours During exertion – 12 oz. every 20 minutes Remember, if your Urine is dark, you're missing the mark. Avoid Diuretic drinks and drugs Diuretics increase the excretion of water from bodies including soft drinks, teas, sweetened juices, some natural juices, anything with caffeine 	1 ^{st Class} 7b Patient Move
 Be fit enough for task Pace yourself – rest often 	2 ^{nd Class} 6a Heat
 Avoid being in direct sunlight 	Exhaustion, Heat
 Keep Head and Face shaded Sunglasses and Sunscreen 	Stroke, Dehydration MB 13. (i) Dehydration

 Stop / Rest in cool shady area Lots of fluids Cool patient if necessary Cool patient if necessary Cool patient if necessary Cool patient if necessary If drowsy. Allow patient to sleep / rest / Monitor Breathing Sever Heat Emergency - Heat Stroke Core temperature High - Life Threating Condition >104 orally Very Confused / Disoriented strange behavior / Irrational judgment Heat Ache Elevated heart and respiratory rate Heat Ache Selveres Unconsciousness Care for Heat Stroke Recognize you have an urgent life-threating emergency Rapidly cool patient Move patient to cool shady place Remove heat-retaining clothing If possible - immerse patient in cold water or pour cold water over patient If nothing else put Cold water or cold packs over arteries Fan patient Only if fully conscious and alert Do not give any drugs, Aspirin, etc. Evacuate to immediate Emergency Care even if patient appears to recover Monitor Breathing Treatment = Rest, hydration, and gentle muscle massage HVREXVENTILATION / CARPOPEDAL SPASMS Patient is apprehensive, nervous, or tense Rapid and deep respirations, rapid pulse Dizziness / faintness / sweating / dry mouth Eventual numbness and tingling in hands or around mouth Painful spasms may occur including hands curling inward and becoming immobile TREATMENT - Calm the patient and encourage him/her to slow his/her breathing / Reduce stimuli causing anxiety - Do No thave patient breath intop paper bag. 	٠	Care for Heat Related Emergencies	
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Other Illnesses and Emergencies	
Abdominal Illness	
Abdominal Illness - Prevention	
Good group and individual hygiene	MB 13. (n) Abdominal
Proper treatment of drinking water - Filtration and Disinfection	pain
Proper food preparation	
 Proper storage of food (Sealed and Temperature), Proper sanitation while preparing meals including separation and through 	
cleaning of utensils and prep areas, no cross contamination between not	
cooked and cooked food, and proper after meal clean up.	
 Cooking food to proper temperature, Proper personal hygiene General Care for abdominal illness 	
 Consider over the counter stomach / Diarrhea meds Keep patient hydrated 	
Consider Hydration mix	
 If simple stomachache is suspected and patient is not vomiting, patient should eat some bland food such as rice, grains, and breads. Avoid dairy products or products with caffeine. 	
BITES AND STINGS	
Animal (Mammal) Bites	
Clean wound site with soap and water	
 Control Bleeding and dress and bandage 	2 ^{nd Class} 6a Bite from
• Seek medical care – Report bite to local animal control or public health authorities	Warm Blooded
Insects and Spiders	Animal
Spider Bites	
 For "harmless" spider – wash area with soap and water, apply antibiotic, cover with dressing, and apply cold pack if you have one. Monitor for allergic reaction 	
 For Venomous- Spider, same as above plus elevate the bite area and seek 	
emergency medical attention	TFOOT 4a Bites or stings
Ticks	of insects and ticks
Prevention:	
 Use insect repellent that contains 20 to 30 percent of the chemical deet. Spray this on your skin as well as your clothing. 	
 Cover up. Wear long a long sleeve shirt, long pants and tuck your pants into your socks or boots. Light-colored clothing is also a good idea because it allows you to spot ticks more easily. 	
Always check yourself for ticks after you have spent time outdoors	
Removing a Tick	
 Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. 	

Pull unward with steady, even pressure	
r an aptral a man steady, even pressure:	
• After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands	
with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.	
When you remove the tick, stick it to a piece of tape, and fold the tape over. This suffocates the tick after it has been pulled off, and you will be able to keep the tapped tick so that if you have any flu-like symptoms, bruises, or rashes over the next month, you can bring the tick with you when you go to see the doctor. Different ticks carry different diseases, and your doctor will be able to identify the tick in question.	
Snake Bites	
Make sure the scene is safe	
BSI	
 Look for fang marks Access Guelling, tingling, number acc 	
 Assess Swelling, tingling, numbness 	
 Patient may have nausea, vomiting 	
 Advanced patients may display shock, paralysis, necrosis 	
Care for Snake Bites	
 Keep the patient physically and emotionally calm 	TEODT
Control Bleeding	TFOOT 4a Venomous
Keep bite site below level of heart	snakebite
DO NOT Irrigate wound	
DO NOT USE Antibiotic ointment	
 DO NOT Cut or try to suck venom out 	
 DO NOT apply constricting bands for Pit Vipers 	
 Remove any jewelry or other items that may restrict swelling 	
CONCUSSION	
Signs and Symptoms	
 Possible short-term Loss of Consciousness 	
Short term memory loss	
 Briefly blurred vision Short term less of concentration on orientation 	
 Short term loss of concentration or orientation Nausea headache dizziness lethargy 	
Nadea, nedalene, alziness, reinargy	MB 13 (a) Concussion
Less than 12% of people with concussions lose consciousness	
 Concussion - Treatment Keep patient calm – Allow Patient to Rest 	
 Control bleeding but do not attempt to stop drainage of cerebrospinal (clear) fluid Destant patient from conjusting 	
Protect patient from aspirating	
Limit noise and light (out of bright light)	
Evacuate patient	
• If immediate evacuation is not available and time has elapsed since the incident,	
allow patient to sleep but monitor and re-assess vitals and cognitive activities	
frequently	

Dental Injury	
 Rinse mouth with clean ambient (room) temperature water Save tooth is loose or out Cold packs may relive pain if available / Consider Ora-Jell 	
EARACHE	MB 13. (o) Broken,
 If something is lodged in the ear, do not use force to remove. Try rinsing ear with water as long as you believe ear drum is intact. If an insect is in the ear, use room temperature cooking oil to rinse the insect out. Outer ear infection or swimmers' ear (pain increases when you pull earlobe) – rinse ear with 50% water/50% vinegar or alcohol. If pain persists, seek medical attention. Inner ear infection and/or vertigo (pulling ear lobe does not increase pain) – seek medical attention. 	chipped, or loosened tooth
FOREIGN OBJECT IN EYE	2 ^{nd Class} 6a Object in
 Instruct patient NOT TO RUB EYES Encourage "blinking" to stimulate tearing If that does not work – flush eyes with clean water If that doesn't work – bandage eyes and seek medical care 	Eye
FAINTING / LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS	
 Conduct Rapid Assessment to determine life threatening injury If not breathing – Begin CPR If breathing – protect airway and conduct secondary assessment – looking for Medical Alert Bracelets Put patient in Recovery Position and Call 911 care 	MB 12 (j) Loss of Consciousness
NOSEBLEED BSI / Have the patient Sit Down, lean forward and pinch the meaty part of the nose. This may take 10 to 20 minutes until blooding stores 	TFOOT 4a Nosebleed
 This may take 10 to 20 minutes until bleeding stops If bleeding persists, pack nostrils gently with gauze soaked with antibiotic ointment If caused by blow to the nose, consider use of cold packs 	
 Blood running down the throat when the patient is leaning forward may indicate a more serious injury. Seek Immediate Emergency Care 	
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SEIZURES

SEIZURES	MB 13. (i)Seizures	
• During a seizure:		
• Protect the person from injury.		
 Keep him or her from falling if you can or try to gu floor. 	uide the person gently to the	
 Try to move furniture or other objects that might seizure. 	injure the person during the	
 Do not force anything, including your fingers, into something in the person's mouth may cause injur chipped teeth or a fractured jaw. You could also g 	ies to him or her, such as	
 Do not try to hold down or move the person. This 	can cause injury.	
After a seizure:		
 Check the person for injuries. 		
 If unconscious, place the person in the Recovery F into a position of comfort. 	osition. If conscious, assist	
 If the person is having trouble breathing, use your 	r finger to gently clear his or	
 her mouth of any vomit or saliva. Loosen tight clothing around the person's neck ar 	ad waist	
	iu waist.	
 Provide a safe area where the person can rest. Do not give anything to eat or drink until the person is fully awake and alert 		
 Do not give anything to eat or drink until the person is fully awake and alert. Stay with the person until he or she is awake and familiar with the 		
surroundings. Most people will be sleepy or confu		
 Prolonged seizure (> 2 Minutes) - Seek Immediate 		
POISONOUS PLANTS - RASH CAUSING PLANTS	TFOOT 4b	
 Recognizing and avoiding Rash Causing Plants is the best prevention Calamine Lotion or Hydrocortisone cream is best topical first aid to reduce itching. Consider topical antihistamine 		
 itching. Consider topical antihistamine Monitor for more serious allergic reaction 		
Consider oral antihistamine 2 ^{nd Class} 6b Poisoning		
 Get to emergency medical care is severe reaction or rash involves face or groin Burning plants are extremely dangerous 		
SWALLOWED POISONS		
 If an ingested poison is suspected, - Seek Immedia Contact Local Poison Control If the chemical or poison can be identified, check or product label for first aid instructions. Do Not Give Anything by Mouth. Do not try to ind Monitor Patient's Breathing 	the material Safety Data Sheet	
If the patient vomits, attempt to POISON	CONTROL NUMBER:	
collect vomitus for analysis if chemical or poison is not identified.	800-222-1222	

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES	MB 5. Describe the following: (a) The
 Implement SAFER Model <u>S</u>tabilize the situation Contain and lower stimuli i.e.: Calm the situation <u>A</u>ssess and Acknowledge Crisis <u>F</u>acilitate resources (family, Chaplains, Councilor) <u>E</u>ncourage patient to use resources and take actions in his/her best ir <u>R</u>ecovery or Referral Warning Signs Withdrawal / Depression / Unusual Lack of Eye Contact / Frequent See Blame / Unusual Indecisiveness / Avoidance / Obsessive Behavior / Clapanic Attack / Onset of Substance Abuse Assess for Risk of Suicide or Harm Listen Non-Judgmentally Give Reassurance Encourage Appropriate Professional Help <u>Ask Directly</u> - Are you planning to hurt yourself or someone Care <u>SAFER Model</u> (above) <u>Escort</u> Do Not Leave this person alone. Stay with hin 	be a danger to themselves or others.
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 MB 5. Do the following: (a) Prepare a first-aid kit for your home. Display and discuss its contents with your counselor. (b) With an adult leader, inspect your troop's first-aid kit. Evaluate it for completeness. Report your findings to your counselor and Scout leader. MB 16. Teach another Scout a first-aid skill 	
First Aid Instructor/Merit Badge Councilors:	Basic Back Country First Aid Kit

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Basic Back Country First Aid Kit

- Assorted Self Adhesive Bandages
- Sterile Gauze Pads
- Roller Gauze
- Triangular Bandage
- Adhesive Bandage Tape
- Moleskin
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Israeli style Bandage
- Alcohol Based Sanitizer
- Trauma Scissors
- Non-Latex Disposable Gloves
- CPR Mask
- Tweezers
- SAM Splint
- Space Blanket
- Tourniquet CAT or tactical/military style