

# Amputation

## What is it?

When any part of a limb is cut or torn off.

## Plan of Action:

### Act quickly

- Stop the bleeding by using a tourniquet or direct pressure
- Make sure the scene is safe
- Call 911 and get a first aid kit and AED
- Use a tourniquet to stop the bleeding
- If a tourniquet is unavailable or doesn't stop the bleeding, apply dressings from the first aid kit and apply direct pressure on the dressings over the bleeding area

### To protect the amputated part:

- Rinse the amputated part with clean water
- Cover it with a clean dressing
- Place it in a watertight plastic bag

- Place that bag inside a separate container that contains ice or ice water
- Label the bag with the injured person's name, the date, and the time of amputation
- Make sure the body part gets to the hospital with the injured person

**Do not place the amputated body part directly on ice**

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