

# Proper Glove Removal



# Step 3: Activate EMS System

Whenever possible, send someone else to make the call while you stay with the person and begin giving care.



Dispatchers will want to know; phone number, address, location of the emergency and will ask questions to determine whether you need police, fire or medical assistance

When in doubt, call 911 but as a general rule, call if the person has any of the following:

- Unconscious or an altered level of consciousness
- Breathing problems
- Chest pain, discomfort or pressure lasting more than a few minutes or that goes away and comes back
- Persistent abdominal pain or pressure
- Severe external bleeding
- Vomiting blood or passing blood
- Severe burns
- Suspected poisoning
- Seizures
- Stroke
- Injuries to head neck or spine
- Painful, swollen, deformed areas or an open fracture
- Fire or explosion
- Downed electrical wires
- Swiftly moving or rapidly rising water
- Presence of poisonous gas
- Serious motor-vehicle collisions
- Injured or ill persons who cannot be moved easily

# Step 4: Give Care Until Help Takes Over

In general, you should give the appropriate care to an ill or injured person until:

- You see an obvious sign of life
- Another trained responder or EMS personnel take over
- You are too exhausted to continue
  - The scene becomes unsafe

# Age of Victim

Knowing the age of the victim can help us give appropriate care for their body size. This is just a general guideline and actually depends more on size than on actual numerical age.

Adult = Over 12

Child = 1-12

Infant = Under 1



# Taking Action: Emergency Action Steps



In any emergency situation, follow the emergency action steps (the 3 Cs)

1. CHECK - the scene and the person
2. CALL - 911 (or local emergency #)
3. CARE - for the person

See Video for Check Call Care



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