## Skill

### **STOP SEVERE LIMB BLEEDS**

Apply a tourniquet to all amputated / mangled limbs or when packing and pressing does not stop limb bleeding

**WRAP** the tourniquet around the exposed limb e.g., cut clothing off. Place just above the bleeding site.



**PULL** the strap tight. Warning - these next steps may hurt, but it is more important to stop bleeding.



**TWIST** the windlass until the bleeding stops or is significantly reduced.



**SECURE** the windlass with the clips. Write down the time the tourniquet was applied.



Remember, it is OK to improvise if you have no equipment









# Public Access Trauma Kit

With a **PAcT Kit**, this guide will give you 3 first-aid skills that could save someone's life right now!



**POSITION** 

STOP SIMPLE BLEEDING STOP SEVERE

# You can save a life





## Skill RECOVERY POSITION

Put someone in the recovery position only if they are not responding to you, and they are breathing normally

**1.** Place the nearest arm at right angles



2. Put the back of other hand next to the cheek closest to you and hold it there

**3.** Then bend the far knee, grasp the leg and roll them onto their side



**4.** Open the airway

**5.** Call 999



## Skill STOPPING SIMPLE BLEEDS

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- Stop all bleeding
- If no dressing available, it is OK to improvise

Mangled limbs or amputations - turn page (Skill 3)



**Superficial** - cover and press firmly on the wound



**Deep** - pack and press into wound





**Packing** - use equipment, but it is OK to improvise to create wound packing

- Gauze
- Triangular bandage
- Sock

- Dressing
- > T-shirt



If possible, elevate and support the bleeding limb whilst applying pressure



Remember to call 999





