



Cut and Scrape First Aid

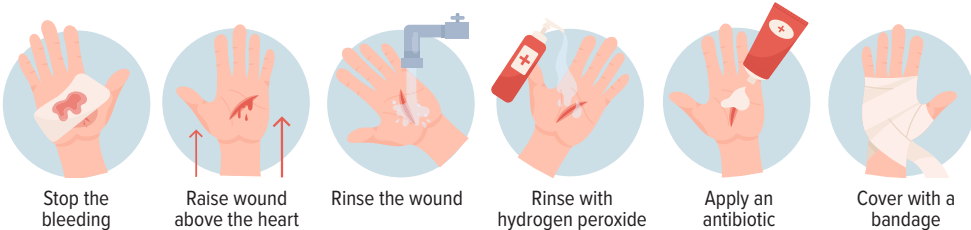
Minor cuts and scrapes happen during everyday life, but it is still important to take care of them properly to prevent infection.

- Wash the area completely with soap and water to remove all dirt and debris.
- Stop the bleeding. Apply direct pressure to the area with a clean cloth or gauze. Hold pressure.
- Cover the cut or scrape with a sterile bandage. You can apply a thin layer of antibiotic ointment to help prevent infection before covering the area.
- Change the bandage daily. Watch for signs of infection.
- Once a scab has formed, the wound can be left uncovered to finish healing.

Further medical attention is needed if:

- The wound is on your face
- The edges are jagged or gape open
- The cut is deep ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch or more)
- You have a puncture wound and have not had a tetanus shot in the past five years
- The wound is from a human or animal bite
- The injured area feels numb
- You are unable to stop the bleeding

First Aid for Wounds



When to Visit a Doctor

