

First aid in any snake bite

Reassure the person and the family. Tell them it may be non-poisonous. Make the person lie down and relax. Do not make patient walk. . In case of non poisonous snake bite, it s enough to clean and disinfect the wound.

Tie the entire limb with an elastic bandage. This slows blood flow from the limb. Then tie a stick to the limb to lessen movement.

Shift to the nearest hospital. Keep looking for poison signs of drooping or bleeding. Take along the snake if it is brought killed. This helps in treatment. Now specific anti snake venous infections are available. You should know about the hospitals where anti snake venom drugs are available in your area.

Many people kill snakes indiscriminately. This is not good. Snakes eats rodents which causes loss of our food grains. And many of them are non-poisonous.

Don'ts

- Do not waste valuable time in a temple or with a Tantrik. Remember even some Tantriks have died due to snakebite.
- Do not tie a tourniquet (single band string as was practiced till sometime ago). This causes the bite to bleed and may also stop blood flow to the limb. More than 2 hours to tight tourniquet can cause blackening and then loss of the limb.
- Do not kill and waste chickens as some villagers do to treat snake bite.

What do you think about this?

- Some people kill every snake they see.
- Snakes eat up rats and save our food grain.
- Snakes remember and identify a person.
- Snakes also take revenge.