

# Accidental Amputation

**Call 102**

## **1. Stop the Bleeding**

- Wash your hands with soap and water, if possible.
- Have the injured person lie down, if possible, and elevate the injured area.
- Don't reposition the person if you suspect a head, neck, back, or leg injury.
- Apply steady, direct pressure to the wound. If there's an object in the wound, apply pressure around it, not directly over it.
- If blood soaks through, apply another covering over the first one. Don't take the first one off.
- Use a tourniquet or compression bandage only if bleeding is severe and not stopped with direct pressure.

## **2. Check for and Treat Shock**

- With the person still lying flat, raise the feet about 12 inches.
- Don't reposition the person if you suspect a head, neck, back, or leg injury.
- Cover with coat or blanket.
- Calm the person as much as possible until medical help arrives.

## **3. Clean and Protect Wound**

- Wrap or cover the injured area with sterile dressing or clean cloth.

## **4. Save Amputated Part**

In some cases, the amputated part can be reattached.

- If possible, rinse with clean water to remove dirt or debris. Do not use soap or scrub.
- Place in a clean, plastic bag.
- Pack the bag in ice. Take it with you to the hospital.