



SAVE A LIFE

STOP THE BLEED® Course

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Personal Safety

YOUR safety is **YOUR** first priority

- If you are injured, you cannot help others
- Help others only when it's **safe** to do so
- If the situation changes or becomes **unsafe**:
 - ✓ Stop
 - ✓ Move to safety
 - ✓ If you can, take the victim with you

Personal Safety

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- Wear gloves if you can
- If you get **blood** on you, be sure to clean any part of your body that the blood has touched
- Tell a health care provider that you got **blood** on you, and follow his or her direction

ABCs of Bleeding Control

A Alert other help

B Bleeding

C Compress

ABCs of Bleeding Control

A Alert other help

- Call for extra help and for transportation
- Know your location and nearest hospital

ABCs of Bleeding Control

A Alert 911

B Bleeding

C Compress



ABCs of Bleeding Control

B Bleeding

- Find source of **bleeding**
- Look for:
 - ✓ Continuous **bleeding**
 - ✓ Large-volume **bleeding**
 - ✓ Pooling of blood

ABCs of Bleeding Control

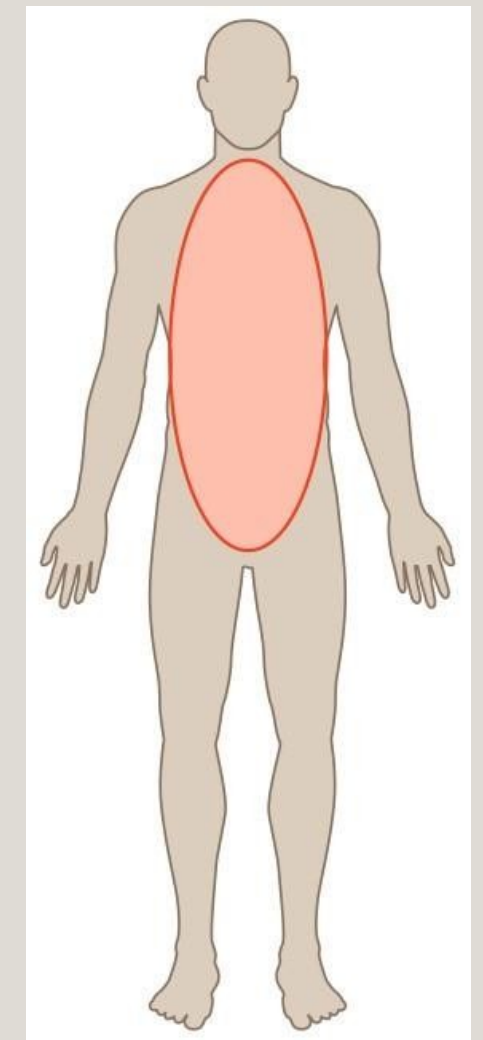
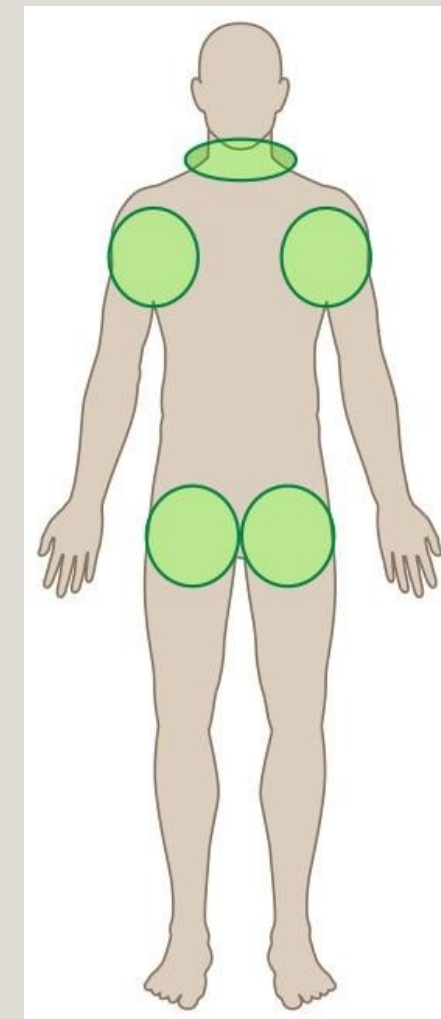
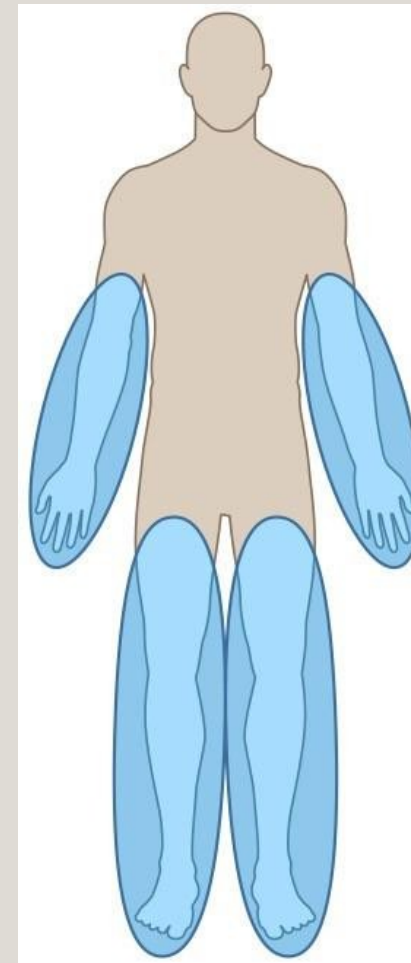
B Bleeding

- There may be multiple places the victim is **bleeding**
- Clothing may also hide life-threatening **bleeding**

ABCs of Bleeding Control

B Bleeding

- Arms and legs
- Neck, armpits, and groin
- Body



ABCs of Bleeding Control

A Alert 911

B Bleeding

C Compress - Pressure



ABCs of Bleeding Control

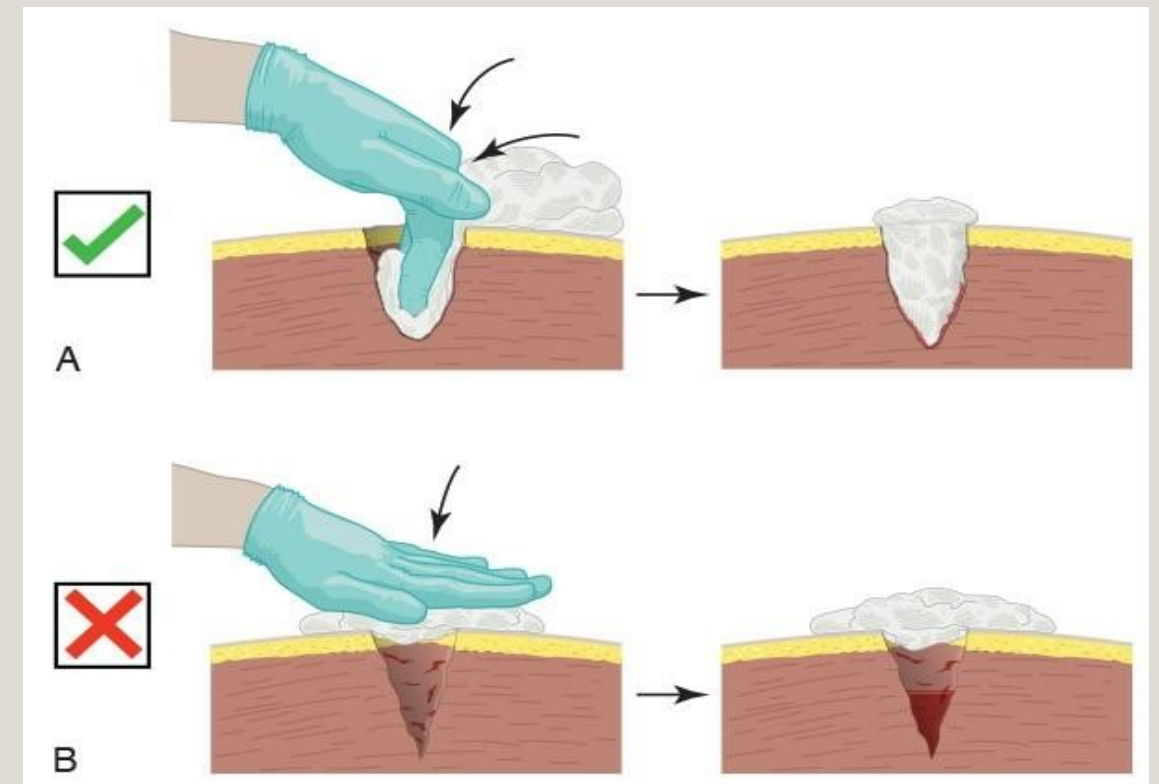
C Compress - Pressure

- Apply direct pressure to wound
- Focus on the location of the **bleeding**
- Use just enough gauze or cloth to cover injury
- If pressure stops the **bleeding**, keep pressure on wound until help arrives

ABCs of Bleeding Control

C Compress - Packing

- For large wounds, superficial pressure is not effective
- If **bleeding** is from a deep wound, pack gauze tightly into the wound until it stops the **bleeding**; hold pressure until help arrives



ABCs of Bleeding Control

C Compress - Tourniquet

- Apply 5 to 9 cm above wound
- Do not place over the elbow or knee
- Tighten tourniquet until **bleeding** stops
- Do NOT remove the tourniquet

ABCs of Bleeding Control

C Compress - Tourniquet

- Can apply to others or on yourself
- Can be applied over clothes
- Tourniquets HURT
- A second tourniquet may be required to stop the **bleeding**

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Bleeding control in children

- **In all but the extremely young child, the same tourniquet used for adults can be used in children.**
- **For the infant or very small child (tourniquet too big), direct pressure on the wound as described previously will work in virtually all cases.**
- **For large, deep wounds, wound packing can be performed in children just as in adults using the same technique as described previously.**

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**The only thing more tragic than a death...
is a death that **could have been prevented.****