



Understanding Bleeding Control Kit Tools Can Save a Life



20% of people who die from traumatic bleeding injuries could have survived if a skilled bystander stopped the bleeding.*

*Source: New England Journal of Medicine

5 Minutes All the time it takes for a person to die from blood loss.**

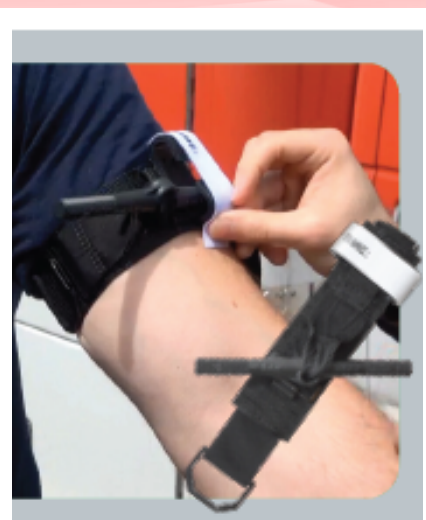
**Source: facs.org, American College of Surgeons

60,000 Americans die from hemorrhaging or blood loss per year.***

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Bleeding Control kits come with a number of life saving tools to help a bystander control a traumatic bleeding event until professional help arrives.

Windlass Tourniquet



A tourniquet is used to stop severe bleeding on an arm or leg when direct pressure alone does not. A tourniquet is wrapped around the limb above the wound and tightened to restrict blood flow. Some tourniquets like the First Aid Only QuickTight Tourniquet have a built-in windlass wand that is twisted to cut off blood flow quickly and then clipped into a clasp.

Vented Chest Seal

A chest seal covers a lung puncture wound and allows the lung to continue to function. Vented chest seals have channels to allow excess air trapped in the chest cavity to vent out while also preventing air from the outside from being sucked into the chest cavity. The chest seal is coated with a thick gel to adhere to a victim's chest without interference from hair or moisture.



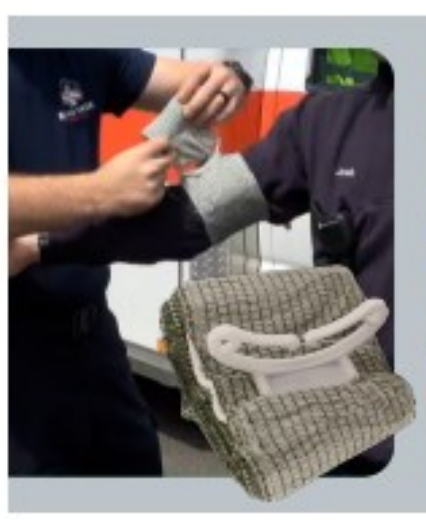
Hemostatic Gauze Pad



A hemostatic gauze pad is ideal to stop bleeding on areas of the body where you cannot apply a tourniquet like the torso, groin or neck. The pad is designed to promote rapid blood coagulation on an extreme bleeding wound. The pad is treated with an agent that absorbs the water in blood allowing the clotting factors to form a clot over the wound quickly.

Israeli Bandage

The Israeli bandage is a combination primary dressing and pressure applicator for bleeding wounds. It has a sterile non-adherent pad attached on a sturdy but stretchable 4" wide fabric wrap with a built-in pressure applicator bar. As the wrap is fed through the pressure applicator bar and pulled tight, the bar puts direct pressure on the wound restricting blood flow.



Most Kits Come With a Few Standard Items:

- Nitrile gloves to both protect the bystander and to help keep the wound from becoming infected
- Gauze can be used to both absorb blood and put pressure on the wound
- Shears to cut gauze or cut away clothing
- A marker to note the time a tourniquet was applied on a limb wound



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