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- Elevate (if possible) area above heart.
- After bleeding has stopped, clean area with soap and water and cover with bandage.
- If the area gaping or is on a joint and opens with movement, stitches may be necessary.

## **Nose Bleeds**

- Sit person down and have them lean slightly forward to facilitate drainage.
- Place pressure on nostril, firmly until bleeding has stopped. (Ice may also be applied at this time)
- If bleeding does not stop contact physician.

## **Burns (Heat)**

- Run affected area under cool water for 5-10 minutes.
- **Do not use any butter on burn.**
- If burn is not blistering cover area with a clean dry dressing. May use benzocaine containing spray for temporary pain relief.
- **Blistering burns:** seek medical attention.

## **Sprains**

- Apply ice immediately to affected area and elevate. (Apply ice on/off for the next 48 hours)
- May compress injury with ace wrap to prevent extra movement and further swelling
- If after a period of time the person is still unable to put weight on area or numbness/tingling occur seek medical attention.

## **Stings/Bug bites**

- Check to make sure breathing is not affected. If affected call 911.
- Apply ice to affected area for pain relief.
- If stinger is present remove it and then wash area with soap and water.
- If available apply antihistamine cream to site to prevent further irritation.

## **Heat Exhaustion/Stroke**

- Remove person from heat and into a cooler place.
- Give fluids (water or Gatorade) frequently in small amounts if conscience.
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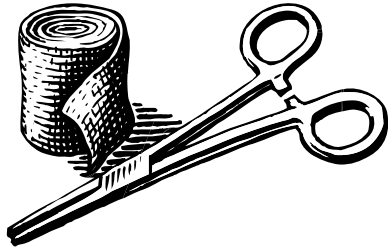
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- **Topical Medication:** Antibiotic ointment, antihistamine ointment, hydrocortisone cream, sunscreen, aloe gel, medication measuring spoon+
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- **Hot/cold pack**
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- **Popsicle sticks x 2 for splints**
- **Medical tape, tweezers, scissors, thermometer and tip covers**
- **CPR one way valve mask**
- **Glow sticks, flashlight and batteries**
- **Silver blanket**

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