

First Aid with DRS ABCD!

Do you know what to do if you or someone you are with is bitten or stung by a venomous creature? Learn what **DRS ABCD** stands for to help you remember what to do if you need to apply first aid! Remember - DRS ABCD takes precedence over creature-specific first aid if the victim is not breathing normally or has stopped breathing.

Seek help, call 000 and follow DRS ABCD steps below:



D Dangers?

Check the area for any danger. Is the venomous creature still around? Stay cautious.

R Response

Check if the person is conscious (awake).
Ask, "Can you hear me?", "Open your eyes.",
What's your name?" and "Squeeze my hand."

S Send for help

Shout for help and call 000 for an ambulance.

A Airways

Is there anything blocking their nose or mouth? If so, roll patient to side and try to clear airways. If there is no blockage, leave patient in the position found and open the airway by tilting the head back with a chin lift

B Breathing

Is the person who was bitten or stung breathing? Check their chest, is it rising and falling?

C CPR

If they are not breathing, it's time to perform CPR. Give 30 chest compressions to every 2 breaths.

D Defibrillator

Use defibrillator using the instructions/prompts provided. If emergency personnel are present, follow their instructions.

DRS ABCD:

Danger ▶ Response ▶ Send for help ▶ Airway ▶ Breathing ▶ CPR ▶ Defibrillation

41% of Australians

reported never receiving first aid training. Knowing how to respond to a venomous bite or sting can be the difference between survival and death. Learn first aid!

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