

## FUNNEL-WEB & MOUSE SPIDER BITES

### MANAGING A FUNNEL-WEB/MOUSE SPIDER BITE

1. Follow DRABCD.
2. Lie casualty down.
3. Calm Casualty.
4. Management:
  - apply a firm pressure immobilisation bandage (see below) starting just above fingers or toes and as far up limb as possible
  - ensure the casualty does not move
  - call **000** for an ambulance.



### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- sharp pain at the site of the bite
- profuse sweating
- nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain
- copious secretion of saliva

- confusion leading to unconsciousness
- muscular twitching and breathing difficulty
- small hairs stand on end

- numbness around mouth
- copious tears
- disorientation
- fast pulse
- markedly increased blood pressure

Carry the **Bites and Stings** first aid kit when camping or bushwalking. Call St John on 1300 360 455 for further information about the full range of first aid kits.