

Bites and Stings	
BLS Procedures	
<p><u>Animal/insect bites:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flush site with sterile water• Control bleeding• Apply bandage	
<p><u>Snake bites/envenomation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark the edge of the inflammatory process ASAP and then every 10-15 minutes• Remove rings and constrictions• Immobilize the affected part in a neutral position• Avoid excessive activity	
<p><u>Bee stings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If present, quickly remove stinger• Apply ice pack	
<p><u>Jellyfish stings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rinse thoroughly with normal saline<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ DO NOT:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rinse with fresh water• Rub with wet sand• Apply heat	
<p><u>All other marine animal stings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If present, remove barb• Immerse in hot water if available	
<p>Administer oxygen as indicated</p>	
<p>All bites other than snake bites may be treated as a BLS call</p>	
ALS Standing Orders	
<p>IV access for snake bites</p> <p>Monitor for allergic reaction or anaphylaxis</p> <p>Pain Control– per Policy 705.19</p>	
Base Hospital Orders Only	
<p>Consult with ED Physician for further treatment measures</p>	

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