

First Aid

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First aid—caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care—is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.

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Merit badge requirements

1. Satisfy your counselor that you have current knowledge of all first aid requirements for Tenderfoot Rank, Second Class Rank, and First Class Rank ranks.
2. Do the following:
 - a. Explain how you would obtain emergency medical assistance from your home, on a wilderness camping trip, and during an activity on open water.
 - b. Explain the term *triage*.
 - c. Explain the standard precautions as applied to bloodborne pathogens.
 - d. Prepare a first aid kit for your home. Display and discuss its contents with your counselor.
3. Do the following:
 - a. Explain what action you should take for someone who shows signals of shock, for someone who shows signals of a heart attack, and for someone who shows signals of stroke.
 - b. Identify the conditions that must exist before performing CPR on a person. Then demonstrate proper technique in performing CPR using a training device approved by your counselor.
 - c. Explain the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).
 - d. Show the steps that need to be taken for someone suffering from a severe cut on the leg and on the wrist. Tell the dangers in the use of a tourniquet and the conditions under which its use is justified.
 - e. Explain when a bee sting could be life threatening and what action should be taken for prevention and for first aid.
 - f. Explain the symptoms of heatstroke and what action needs to be taken for first aid and for prevention.
4. Do the following:
 - a. Describe the signals of a broken bone. Show first aid procedures for handling fractures (broken bones), including open (compound) fractures of the forearm, wrist, upper leg, and lower leg using improvised materials.
 - b. Describe the symptoms and possible complications and demonstrate proper procedures

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- for treating suspected injuries to the head, neck, and back. Explain what measures should be taken to reduce the possibility of further complicating these injuries.
5. Describe the symptoms, proper first aid procedures, and possible prevention measures for the following conditions:
 - a. Hypothermia
 - b. Convulsions / seizures
 - c. Frostbite
 - d. Dehydration
 - e. Bruises, strains, sprains
 - f. Burns
 - g. Abdominal pain
 - h. Broken, chipped, or loosened tooth
 - i. Knocked out tooth
 - j. Muscle cramps
 6. Do TWO of the following:
 - a. If a sick or injured person must be moved, tell how you would determine the best method. Demonstrate this method.
 - b. With helpers under your supervision, improvise a stretcher and move a presumably unconscious person.
 - c. With your counselor's approval, arrange a visit with your patrol or troop to an emergency medical facility or through an American Red Cross chapter for a demonstration of how an AED is used.
 7. Teach another Scout a first-aid skill selected by your counselor.

Source: 2008 Boy Scout Requirements (33215)

Notes



A PDF worksheet is available for this merit badge. Note:

Worksheets are not meant to be used in place of handbooks, pamphlets, etc. They are, instead, meant to *supplement* by providing you with a pre-formatted method to help you organize notes, listen actively, and document your work. Most of our worksheets also contain links to free, online video instruction.

Per the BSA: (<http://www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx>) *You should read the merit badge pamphlet on the subject.* Merit badge pamphlets are available at your local Scout Shop (<http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/storeloc.aspx>) or online at ScoutStuff.org (<http://www.scoutstuff.org/>).

First Aid merit badge is on the Eagle Scout required list (requirement 3.a.).

Related Merit Badges

- Dentistry
- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Lifesaving
- Medicine

- Public Health
- Safety
- Wilderness Survival

External links

- Guide to Safe Scouting - Section VI - First Aid (<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/gss06.html>)
- Intro to First Aid (http://www.parasolemt.com.au/intro_first_aid.asp) A free basic training course available online
- Learn CPR - You Can Do It! (<http://depts.washington.edu/learncpr/>)
- Realistic First Aid (http://www.troop502.info/mouflage_tips.html) How to use theatrical makeup to teach First Aid



Merit Badges required for the Eagle Scout Rank

First Aid | Citizenship in the Community | Citizenship in the Nation | Citizenship in the World | Communications
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