

Bite protocol

Very occasionally a stressed child may revert to primitive behaviour and bite another person.

A bite by a human is very dangerous and must be taken seriously. 98% of human bites become infected.

The following steps must be taken:

1. Clean the wound with water.
2. Clean the wound with antiseptic spray, checking first for allergies.
3. Cover the wound with simple dressing.
4. If a child is the patient, call the parents immediately and ask them to collect the child.
5. The patient must be taken to hospital straightaway with the following documentation
 - a. The patient's ID card/passport
 - b. The patient's health insurance card
 - c. The 'biter's' full name and date of birth
 - d. The 'biter's' parents' telephone number
 - e. The 'biter's' medical form with details of whether they have been vaccinated for Hepatitis B
6. A report of the incident must be made, including a photograph of the wound.
7. Relevant people should sign the report, including the Director.
8. A copy of the incident report should be given to the Executive Director/HR Contact person and a copy should be put in the personnel file.