

## **BLEEDING FROM EAR**

### **Awareness:**

Bleeding from the ear may indicate a fracture of the skull.

### **Action:**

- Follow the DRABCD action plan.
- The ear should not be plugged or covered, to allow drainage.
- Position the casualty on the side with the affected ear down and seek medical advice.

## **BLEEDING FROM LACERATIONS**

### **Action:**

- Follow the DRABCD action plan.
- Control the bleeding by pressure, elevation and rest.
- Clean the area of skin around the laceration, washing away from the wound.
- Apply a dry sterile dressing and bandage firmly into place
- Any obvious superficial foreign material should be removed but any deep foreign should be left in place.

### **After care:**

For most cases of major bleeding it will be necessary to seek medical aid. Consideration include the amount of blood lost, the size of the injury and the possibility of infection.

## **KEY FACTORS IN CONTROL OF BLEEDING ARE**

**P: Pressure**

**E: Elevation**

**R: Rest**