

## SPIDER BITES

### Awareness:

Many spiders in Australia are poisonous. Funnel-web spiders are exclusively found the Sydney area. Their bite should be treated as snake bites Red-back spiders are common in and around most of Australian homes in tropical and subtropical regions

### Assessment:

#### Funnel-web

- Intensive pain at the site of the bite
- Nausea and abdominal pain
- Difficulty with breathing
- Numbness around the mouth
- Profuse sweating
- Muscle weakness
- Salivation, weeping from the eye
- Cold skin and shivering

### Action:

- Follow the DRABCD action plan.
- Rest and reassure the person
- Apply pressure immobilization bandage over the bitten area and around the limb
- Seek medical aid immediately.

#### Red – back spider

### Action:

- Follow the DRABCD action plan.
- Reassure the person
- Apply a cold compress

### After care:

Continue to monitor the vital signs