



Electrocution



No matter the voltage, electrocution can be fatal. Electrocution can result in numerous injuries, not just from the initial shock.

For all medical emergencies dial Triple Zero (000) immediately and ask for Ambulance

Depending on the strength of the electrical current, patients conditions can vary from minor burns to multiple fractures and heart dysrhythmias.

Even if you believe a shock is minor it is always recommended you talk to your local doctor or a medical professional.

WHAT DO I DO IF I SUSPECT SOMEONE HAS BEEN ELECTROCUTED?

- > If safe to do so turn off the power – DO NOT touch the person until the power source has been turned off.
- > Dial Triple Zero (000) immediately and ask for Ambulance.
- > Once safe, place the person on their side and check their airway.
- > If the person is in cardiac arrest commence CPR.
- > Be mindful of possible fractures and stabilise.
- > Look for entry and exit wounds and try to stop any bleeding.
- > For burns – run under cool water for 20 minutes.

HOW TO AVOID ELECTROCUTION IN THE HOME

- > Always keep an eye on children.
- > Cover power points with protective child proof covers.
- > Throw away old or damaged power leads.
- > Don't overload your power points.
- > Never leave wires exposed.
- > Make sure the power is turned off before unplugging electrical goods or changing light bulbs.
- > Never use hair dryers in the bathroom especially near sinks, toilets or baths.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further safety information about electricity visit:
www.energyaustralia.com.au

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