# SSP Specific Hazard Attachment: Animal Bites

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<td><strong>Bites from mammals:</strong>&lt;br&gt;Dogs, Cats&lt;br&gt;Skunks, Raccoons, Foxes, Badgers&lt;br&gt;Wolves, Bears, Cows</td>
<td>Pain and tenderness of wound&lt;br&gt;Redness, heat, swelling&lt;br&gt;Puss under the skin&lt;br&gt;Red streaks around wound&lt;br&gt;Swollen lymph nodes in art pits, groin, and neck</td>
<td>Get medication attention ASAP to address infection&lt;br&gt;Ensure tetanus shot is update&lt;br&gt;Interview individual to determine appearance/disposition of animal&lt;br&gt;Control serious bleeding&lt;br&gt;Apply pressure using gauze pad&lt;br&gt;Wash before touching wound&lt;br&gt;Wear rubber gloves when treating victim&lt;br&gt;Wash wounds that are not bleeding heavily&lt;br&gt;Cover with clean dressing and bandage</td>
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<td><strong>Snake Bites</strong>&lt;br&gt;Water Moccasins&lt;br&gt;Rattlesnakes&lt;br&gt;Pit vipers&lt;br.Ticks&lt;br&gt;Coral Snakes</td>
<td>Some or all of the following:&lt;br&gt;Fang marks&lt;br&gt;Swelling, discoloration, pain&lt;br&gt;Heat around fang marks&lt;br&gt;Weakness, sweating, faintness&lt;br&gt;Shock&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;For Coral Snake:&lt;/strong&gt;&lt;br&gt;Respiratory paralysis&lt;br&gt;Bizarre behavior&lt;br&gt;Unusual eye movements</td>
<td>Recon area prior to work to identify habitats of snakes that may bite&lt;br&gt;Place locations on SSP map&lt;br&gt;Identify snakes and unusual behavior&lt;br&gt;If necessary, use wildlife experts to relocate snakes&lt;br&gt;Report aggressive snakes to local authorities&lt;br&gt;Obtain emergency bite kits</td>
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**Get immediate medical attention for any potential victim of poisoning:**
- Keep victim still to slow spread of venom
- Place bite area below heart to slow spread of venom
- Wash with soap and water
- Use splint to immobilize bitten arms or legs
- Use cold pack with gauze before skin
- Do not administer aspirin or alcohol
- Do not suck out poison
- Do not use tourniquets

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