

Site Operating Procedure for First Aid

A risk assessment for administering first aid has been completed.

This SOP is further information to the control measures set out in risk assessment

Guidance for first aiders Try to assist at a safe distance from the casualty as much as you can and minimise the time you share a breathing zone. If they are capable, tell them to do things for you, but treating the casualty properly should be your first concern. Remember the 3P model – preserve life, prevent worsening, promote recovery.

Preserve life: CPR

- Call 999 immediately tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms (high fever, 38oC, consistent cough, loss of taste/smell)
- Ask for help. If a portable defibrillator is available, ask for it
- Before starting CPR, to minimise transmission risk, use a cloth or towel to cover the patient's mouth and nose, while still permitting breathing to restart following successful resuscitation
- If available, use:
- a fluid-repellent surgical mask
- disposable gloves
- eye protection
- apron or other suitable covering
- Only deliver CPR by chest compressions and use a defibrillator (if available) don't do rescue breaths

Prevent worsening, promote recovery: all other injuries or illnesses

- If you suspect a serious illness or injury, call 999 immediately tell the call handler if the patient has any COVID-19 symptoms
- If giving first aid to someone, you should use the recommended equipment listed above if it is available
- You should minimise the time you share a breathing zone with the casualty and direct them to do things for you where possible

After delivering any first aid

- Ensure you safely discard disposable items and clean reusable ones thoroughly
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser as soon as possible

Fire Alarm Activation and Evacuation

 Normal evacuation procedures apply except when at Assembly Point, all evacuee's should maintain Social Distancing