

ELECTROCUTIONS WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

EVERY YEAR, A NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICANS ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED AS A RESULT OF ELECTROCUTION.

COMMON CAUSES



Faulty electrical goods and appliances, exposed cabling and low-hanging power lines and cable theft

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS



Injuries caused by muscle contraction and being flung against items



Loss of consciousness



Cardiac arrest



Burn wounds



Heart rhythm disturbance



IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE HAS BEEN ELECTROCUTED OR IF THEY ARE SHOWING THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS, THEN

DIAL *120*15570# FOR TRAUMA ASSIST or CALL ER24 084 124



WHAT TO DO BEFORE EMERGENCY SERVICES ARRIVE

- Avoid exposure to the electricity source. If possible, switch it off
- Remove patient from the electrical source to a safe area
- Check patient's circulation, airway and breathing
- If there are no signs of life, start CPR immediately
- If patient is breathing but unconscious, place them in recovery position (turned on their side & supported by their bent limbs)
- Cover burn wounds with clean, non-absorbent material, such as clingwrap
- Monitor patient until an ambulance arrives

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