

BACK AND NECK INJURIES

You see:

1. Accident which results in trauma to the back or neck of the victim.
2. The victim has serious or extensive facial injuries which could indicate excessive force has been applied to the spine.

Student says:

1. May not feel pain or discomfort.
2. May feel numbness, tingling, or weakness in extremities.
3. May be unable to move.

You do:

1. **DO NOT MOVE THE VICTIM UNLESS THE VICTIM IS IN A LIFE THREATENING LOCATION.**
2. Immobilize the victim's head and neck by placing rolled up blankets, newspapers or other available material around the head and neck. **(DO NOT MOVE THE HEAD WHILE DOING THIS. DO NOT PUT A PILLOW UNDER THE HEAD.)**
3. **Dial "911" for emergency medical assistance.**
4. Treat for shock. Keep the victim lying down and cover with a blanket to prevent heat loss. **DO NOT CHANGE THE VICTIM'S POSITION OR RAISE THE FEET.**