

# Electrical Trauma

## Electrical Emergency

- ✓ DRSABCD
- ✓ Call 000 for all emergency services

Always in an electrical emergency ensure your safety and the safety of any bystanders. Look for any conductive materials such as metal or water. Do not touch the person until the power source has been removed and rendered safe.

### Management

Try and turn the main power source off if the victim is attached to power. If not possible to turn off power source, if available use a non conductive implement to break the power. eg, pushing the victim off the power source using a wooden broom. Don't use anything metal or wet.

## Symptoms & Treatment

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- Entry and exit wounds
- Difficulty breathing
- Irregular heart beat
- Collapse

### Treatment

Start CPR if required, treat burns with cool running water, there may be tissue damage at the entry and exit points use bandage to treat.

**Warning do not go near high voltage power, do not go near any power source if not safe to do so.**

