

# SECURITY Q&A

## RATE YOUR FIRST AID KNOWLEDGE *by Richard Kay*

1. First aid is emergency assistance provided to a second party in the absence of medical or paramedical care.

**True/False**

2. You do not need the consent of a conscious person to provide first aid treatment to them.

**True/False**

3. There is no law in Australia that imposes a duty of care upon an individual to render assistance to a person unless that individual already owes such a duty of care to that person.

**True/False**

4. When assessing for danger, your first priority is to assess the danger to the victim before yourself.

**True/False**

5. Provided that any care and treatment was undertaken for the good of the casualty, that no deliberate harm was caused, and that the incident was handled as if by a reasonable person, then the first aid provider should have no fear of litigation.

**True/False**

6. The most effective first aid method of protecting an unconscious casualty's airway is to put the casualty into a seated position.

**True/False**

7. When you decide to provide first aid assistance to a person in need of medical attention, then you owe that person a duty of care to the standard expected of a reasonable person in your position.

**True/False**

8. Once the first aid provider has rendered assistance to a person in need of medical attention, and thus assumed a position of care for the person in need, then it is reasonable to leave the person in need of care if they are still in need of your care.

**True/False**

9. Where first aid is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the patient and they are unconscious or otherwise unable to communicate, then consent to reasonable treatment will be implied via the legal doctrine of necessity.

**True/False**

10. Cross infection is not a major concern in first aid procedures.

**True/False**

11. As part of your initial situation assessment plan you should minimize the immediate risk to your personal health by isolating the hazard, or removing the patient from the hazard.

**True/False**

12. Women in advanced pregnancy should be placed on their right side, unless prevented by injuries, to avoid unnecessary distress to the foetus.

**True/False**

13. Arterial blood is dark red and oozes, whilst venous blood is bright red and spurts.

**True/False**

14. Shock is a life-threatening and deteriorating condition.

**True/False**

15. Head injuries can easily mislead the first aid provider by not exhibiting the expected signs and symptoms immediately after the incident.

**True/False**

16. An ambulance is not necessary if an unconscious patient regains consciousness during treatment.

**True/False**

17. The CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) compression/breath ratio (one or two operators) is 30:2, at a rate of five cycles every two minutes.

**True/False**

18. Any casualty that has been rendered unconscious or received a hard blow to the head should always be examined by a doctor.

**True/False**

19. Head, neck and spinal injuries are all related.

**True/False**

20. Haemorrhage should be controlled with the application of a tourniquet.

**True/False**

### ANSWERS

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False  
7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False  
13. False 14. True 15. True 16. False 17. True  
18. True 19. True 20. False

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