



## **Acid Attack**

### **Policy statement**

This policy contains First Aid Guidance and how to help if an Acid Attack has been made in the setting.

### **Procedures**

Below are the immediate steps to take if you or someone you are with has suffered a chemical burn.

- Remove the chemical causing the burn whilst protecting yourself. Wear gloves or use a towel or other suitable object.
- Remove contaminated clothing or jewellery to prevent further burning.
- Rinse the burn immediately with a gentle, steady stream of cool tap water over the burn for 10 or more minutes. A shower can be used if available, and a mild soap can be used on skin safely. Always protect your eyes while washing acid off your skin.
- Loosely apply a dry bandage, gauze or clean cotton clothing
- For minor burns (not affecting the face) take an over-the counter pain reliever, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen.
- For further medical advice, call NHS 111

### **Seek emergency care if: -**

- The person is showing signs of shock such as fainting, a pale complexion or very shallow breathing.
- The chemical has burnt through the first layer of their skin (i.e. blister has formed) and the burn covers an area more than three inches in a diameter.
- The chemical burn goes all the way round a limb or involves the eyes, hands, feet, face, groin or buttocks, or a major joint such as the knee or elbow.

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