



AUSTRALIAN RESUSCITATION COUNCIL

GUIDELINE 2.2

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLAPSED VICTIM

After ensuring safety for the victim, rescuer and bystanders, the management of the collapsed victim involves:

- prevention of further injury
- checking response to verbal and tactile stimuli
- care of - airway
breathing
circulation
- calling for help
- control of bleeding
- protection from the environment
- maintenance of normal body temperature
- protection of skin and nerves by protection of bony prominences from hard objects
- other first-aid measures depending on the circumstances
- gentle handling
- reassurance
- continued observation of the collapsed victim.

FURTHER READING

ARC Guideline 2.1 Priorities in an Emergency
ARC Guideline 2.3 When to Move an Injured Victim
ARC Guideline 3.2 Recognition of Unconsciousness
ARC Guideline 7 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
ARC Guideline 8.1 Principles of Control of Bleeding for First Aiders