

## Preventing Accidents and Handling Emergencies



# Taking the Right Steps in an Emergency

**Directions.** Listed below are several emergency situations. After each situation is a set of steps that should be followed. The steps are in the wrong order, however. Put them in the correct order by writing the numbers from 1 to 5 in the spaces to the left of steps.

1. Florinda enters the kitchen and finds her little brother Manolo lying on the floor unconscious. Next to him is an open bottle of cleanser, knocked over.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Take Manolo to the hospital, as directed.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Look at the label on the bottle to see if the cleanser is poisonous.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Call the poison control center.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bring the bottle to the phone.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Smell Manolo's breath to see if he swallowed any of the cleanser.
2. Shelly is babysitting five-year-old Matt and three-year-old Chelsea. The children are playing in the backyard. Shelley hears Matt cry out in pain and come running. He says that a bee stung him.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mix baking soda and water into a paste.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Apply a cold cloth to the area.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Scrape off the stinger.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Watch for signs of an allergic reaction.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Apply the paste to the wound.
3. Chris's nine-month-old sister is eating a snack happily when suddenly he notices that he's not hearing her babbling talk any more. Chris looks over and sees his sister's head leaning to the side of the high chair and is waving her hands in the air.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Use the heel of his hand to give four quick blows between her shoulder blades.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Put two middle fingers below the rib cage and above the navel and thrust up.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Go to his sister and pick her up.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Put her face down over his arm.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Turn her face up.

4. Melissa is out riding her tricycle when she crashes. Sobbing, she shows her father that her knee is scraped and bloody.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Place a clean gauze bandage on the wound and press for several minutes to stop the bleeding.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cover the wound with an antiseptic ointment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wash the area with mild soap and warm water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Put a clean bandage over the wound.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pat the area dry with a clean towel.

5. Cindy finds her little son face down in the pool. She takes him out and lays him on the lawn of the backyard.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Turn his head face up and tilt it back slightly so his chin points up.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Listen to learn if her son is breathing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take a deep breath.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Put her mouth over the mouth of her son, pinching her son's nostrils shut, and blow air into her son's mouth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Put her son on his back, turn his head to one side, and try to get rid of any water in his mouth.