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FAST™

FIRST AID FOR SEVERE TRAUMA™

FAST IS KNOWLEDGE. KNOWLEDGE IS **POWER**. THE POWER TO **ACT**. THE POWER TO **SAVE**.



Replace Panic with a Plan

Anyone can save a life with the proper training. **First Aid for Severe Trauma™ (FAST™)** prepares you with skills that go beyond the basics to help you handle a life-threatening bleeding emergency:

Response principles: Preparing for bleeding emergencies; recognizing that a bleeding emergency exists; emergency action steps; deciding to act in an emergency

Scene safety: Keeping yourself safe in an emergency; helping others to safety; violent situations

Emergency communications: Communication basics; communicating with others at the scene; communicating with the emergency dispatcher

How to care for life-threatening bleeding: Using pressure to stop bleeding; applying direct pressure; using a tourniquet; after the bleeding stops



Traumatic Injuries Are a Public Health Emergency

Leading cause of death in people up to age **45**

Cause over **27 million** emergency department visits and **2 million** hospitalizations annually

A person can die from blood loss in just **5** minutes

150,000+ deaths annually

Empower Immediate Responders

Course and digital materials available at no charge for high school students under the age of 19

Certification courses: Blended or Instructor-led learning

Certificate course: Online only

Content on the Red Cross First Aid app

Easy, affordable Instructor bridging options

CE credit available for Instructor courses

Pairs with a classroom training kit available on the Red Cross Store



A Collaborative Initiative



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ACCIDENTS HAPPEN. WITH A PLANNED RESPONSE, WE CAN IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES.



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can prepare you when moments matter.