



IMMOBILIZATION SKILLS/JOINT INJURY

- Check the scene
- Check the victim and obtain consent
- Take body substance isolation precautions
- Support the injured limb
- Check for feeling, warmth, and color below the injured area
- *(The examiner acknowledges that motor, sensory and circulatory functions are present and normal.)*
- Select the proper splinting material
- Immobilize the site of the injury
- Immobilize the bone above and below the injured joint
- Place the triangular bandage under the injured arm and over the uninjured shoulder to form a sling taking care to leave the arm in the position it was found
- Tie the ends of the sling at side of neck opposite side of injury
- Place pads of gauze under the knots to make it more comfortable for the victim
- Secure the arm to the chest with a folded triangular bandage
- Recheck for feeling, warmth, and color below the injured area