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### **Traffic accidents**

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### **Presentation structure**

- 1. Your safety/Making the accident area safe
- 2. Quick assessment of the circumstances, the environment, and number of injured

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- 3. Call for help -emergency medical service (EMS)
- 4. Initial patient assessment
  - 1. Control severe external bleeding
  - 2. SSS cABC
  - 3. Cervical spine protection
- 5. Special populations

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### **Learning objectives**

- Student will know, how to search for and evaluate the dangers of providing first aid in a traffic accident.
- Student will learn the priorities of examination and current treatment.
- Student will know the specifics of care for selected groups of patients.

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# Injury / trauma

– Injury

 Sudden health disorder - bodily injury that occurs independently of the will of the casualty by sudden and violent action of external forces.

#### – Polytrauma

- Simultaneous injury to at least two body systems
- The disability of at least one of them or their combination endangers the basic life functions of the affected person

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### Injuries – traffic accidents

- Frequent cause of death/disability of young people

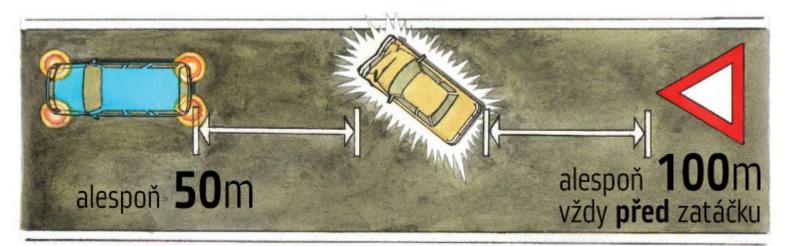
#### – Who can be the casualty?

- Person in a vehicle, pedestrian, cyclist
- Mass-casualties events bus, train, plane crash
- We can be direct participants or just bystanders
- Severity of the accident
  - From none to death on the scene due to the injuries incompatible with life



- Your safety comes first
- Dead savior = useless savior
- Stay calm, act wisely
- Assess the circumstances of the accident site and identify possible sources of danger

### Where to park your car safely





- Hazard lights flashing
- High-visibility jacket/vest
  - Immediately
  - In the door



• Set up warning triangles

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# **Securing the accident site**

- Stop your own vehicle after an accident
- Switch off the engine, brake, switch on the hazard warning lights
- Reflective vest
- Warning triangle
  - The triangle must be placed on the edge of the road in such a way that it is clearly and clearly visible to oncoming drivers, at a distance of at least 50 m, on the motorway at least 100 m behind the vehicle. In the municipality, this distance may be shorter if circumstances so require. "

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- Send helpers to warn oncoming drivers to slow down
- Securing a crashed vehicle
  - Switch off the engine, remove the ignition key, apply the parking brake

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# **Vehicle / surroundings fire**

- In case of fire stay away
  - Call the firefighters 150





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Avaible: https://globe24.cz/svet/49039-nehoda-v-sanghaji-do-chodcu-vjelo-horici-auto

### Labeling of dangerous goods ADR - Accord Dangereuses Route

- Class 1 Explosive substances and articles
- Class 2.1 Gases
- Class 2.2 Non-flammable and non-toxic gases
- Class 2.3 Toxic gases
- Class 3 Flammable liquids
- Class 4.1 Flammable solids
- Class 4.2 Self-igniting substances
- Class 4.3 Substances in contact with water which cause flammable gases
- Class 5.1 Flame retardants
- Class 5.2 Organic peroxides
- Class 6.1 Toxic substances
- Class 6.2 Infectious substances
- Class 7 Radioactive substances
- Class 8 Corrosive substances
- Class 9 Other dangerous substances and articles

Avaible: https://www.fofrcz.cz/preprava-adr



### Personal protective equipment - first aid kit

- Each vehic
   Your safety
  - ready-made smooth spoc
- Gloves
  - prevention of
  - bilateral protection of infection transmission

#### Resuscitation mask



### aid kit

# nade bandage with two cushions, patch scissors and isothermal foil

#### body exudates



# **Call for medical help**

- Call the ambulance
- Where
- What
- When
- Number of injured
- Severity of injury
- Who's calling
- !! do not hang up!!







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Avaible: https://www.zzshmp.cz/prednemocnicni-pece/zdravotnicke-operacni-stredisko/

### **Application Záchranka**

- Simply press the emergency button to call line 155
- Submit your exact location
- Help is on the way ...





### **Extrication from vehicles**

#### -YES- If the vehicle poses an additional danger to the victim

- For example, it is smoking
- The patient is unconscious and not breathing normally

#### - Otherwise, leave in the vehicle

- Stop bleeding in the vehicle
- Psychological support

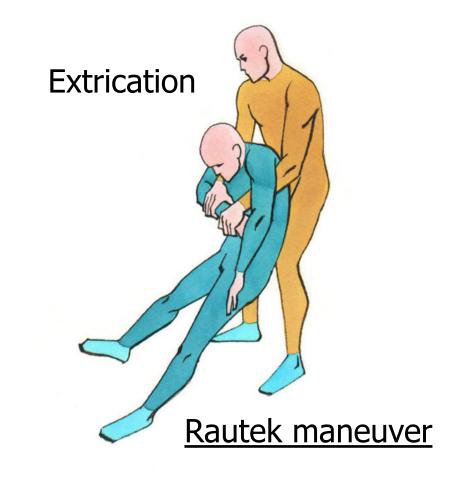
### **Extrication from vehicle**

Do not overestimate your own strength

– Do not cause secondary injury

- CAVE:

- Loosen or cut the seat belts
- Airbags may be activated



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### Inspection of the accident site

#### - So-called "tunnel vision"

- not to pay attention to the first screaming or moaning wounded man
- usually there are far worse injured who are silent unconscious, developing shock,...

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#### Casualties outside the vehicle

- ejection, cyclist, hit pedestrian

#### CAVE:

- Confused / shaken people around the accident
- Children
- Persons under the vehicle

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### Inspection of the accident site

- Accident mechanism
- Mechanism of injury

- According to this information, the extent of the injury can be assumed

### Person in a vehicle

#### - High speed

- In a head-on collision, the speeds add up
- Rotation through the roof

#### – Protective elements

 The vehicle is equipped with deformation zones

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- Restraint system belts
- Unrestrained person in the vehicle Airbags
- Ejection
- Unsecured objects in the vehicle
- Child car seat

### Motorcyclist

#### - Often high speed

- High momentum of the motorcycle

- CAVE: passenger

#### - Protective elements

Head protection - helmet

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- C spine protector
- Spinal belts
- Protective clothing

# Cyclist

Even higher speeds up to 50km / h — Protective elements
 No rider protection — Head protection - helmet

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- Collision with a vehicle
- Tight vehicle passage
- Cyclist's own mistake

### Pedestrian

- Highly vulnerable
- No protection

Protective elements
None

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- Often at a pedestrian crossing
- Little children
- Side impact
- Lower limb trauma
- Bumped by vehicle
- Ejection

### **Public transport**

Places of occurrence of a higher number of people, higher number of injured in one event

- Buses, trams, trains, planes, ships...

Mass-casualties events

- 1. Look at the overall situation
- 2. Call for help
- 3. DO NOT treat the first injured person
  - Go through all the injured

Consciousness - breathing (head tilt) - stop massive external bleeding - go to the next one !!!!

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– START system

### SSS cABC algoritmus

- S Safety.... Your safety first
- S Stimulate... Ask, shake, painful stimulus

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– S – Shout for help

Control severe external bleeding

- A Airway + cervical spine protection
- B Breathing
- C Circulation + bleeding

## A = Airway = Cervical spine protection

- Airway obstruction
- Maintain airway
- Chin lift/jaw thrust
- 10 seconds !!!
- Look
  - chest motion
- Listen
  - breath sounds
- Feel
  - person's breath on your cheek and ear
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Avaible: https://www.firstaidforfree.com/a-guide-to-airway-management-for-first-aiders-and-responders/ https://www.shutterstock.com/cs/image-vector/first-aid-listening-breath-unconscious-man-176524565



### **Cervical spine protection**

- In most traffic accidents, it is necessary to think about a possible injury to the cervical spine
  - Especially in unconscious patients
- If it is not necessary, do not move with the patient
- If it is necessary to move the patient
  - <u>Sufficient</u> number of rescuers
  - According to the situation (position of the victim, state of consciousness, necessity of CPR)

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- To rotate the whole body, including the head, synchronously in the long axis of the body

### **Cervical spine protection – biker, motorcyclist**

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Helmet removal is a potentially risky maneuver for C spine injuries
 Consider the need before ambulance arrive

– Sure: motorcyclist - unconscious

- YES: unconscious cyclist, not breathing
- Rather NO: conscious motorcyclist, cyclist

### **Cervical spine protection – biker, motorcyclist**

- Protective helmet removal technique
- <u>Cooperation</u> of two rescuers
- MILS technique manual in-line stabilization
  - One rescuer carefully takes off helmet
  - Second: stabilizes the head by holding the mastoid and the lower jaw by both hands



### **C** = Circulation

- Not trained person
- Don't delay looking for a pulse



### **Treatment of conscious victim**

- Ask the patient- state of consciousness
  - What hurts you?
  - What is your name?
- Look for bleeding
- Control massive external bleeding
- If there is no reason do not pull out of the vehicle
- Maintain contact with the casualty until the EMS arrive
  - Calm him down

### Regularly check the vitals ABC

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### Hand over to EMS

- Stay at the scene until the EMS arrival
- Hand over patient/s
- Pass the necessary information:
  - Accident mechanism
  - Condition of the injured
  - Detected injuries
  - Performed therapeutic actions
  - Anamnestic data

# **Special populations I**

#### – Pregnant woman

- Mother's life is a priority
- Risk of abdominal injuries (placenta, fetus) always examination in a hospital

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 Syndrome vena cava inferior elevate of the pregnant right's side by about 10-15 cm or 15 ° inclination

#### – Small child

- Different anatomical-physiological conditions
- More difficult to estimate blood loss
- Faster loss of body heat
- More difficult to establish communication

#### – Seniors

- Impaired adaptive abilities of the organism
- Pre-existing comorbidities

# **Special populations II**

#### - Obese patients

- Smaller reserves of the organism
- Difficult and prolonged extrication from vehicles

#### – Athletes

- Higher compensation ability
- The risk of underestimating the severity of blood loss

#### - Injuries under the influence of narcotics

- Non-cooperation or aggression of the patient
- Inadequate patient response

### **Learning outcomes**

- Student is able to evaluate safety risks in a traffic accident.

Student knows when it is necessary to extract the patient from the vehicle.

– Student is able to describe the extraction method from the vehicle. "Be energetic in action, however keep calm"

### Thank you for your attention

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