

# TWO-HANDED (WINDLASS) TOURNIQUET APPLICATION

## TACTICAL FIELD CARE (TFC)



**CONSIDER** body substance isolation.

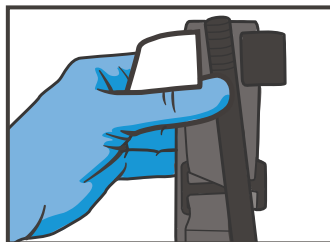
**NOTE:** If a Combat Lifesaver is available, direct them to assist.

**NOTE:** Reassess any tourniquet applied in Care Under Fire and, if ineffective, tighten (if possible) and apply a second tourniquet side-by-side with the first if bleeding is not controlled.

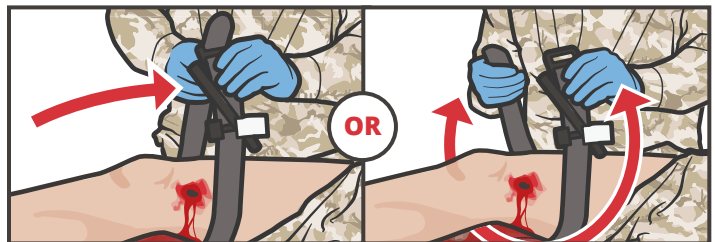
- 01 EXPOSE** the injury and assess the bleeding source.  
**NOTE:** Clothing may need to be cut away to properly expose the injury.



- 02 APPLY** direct pressure to control bleeding.

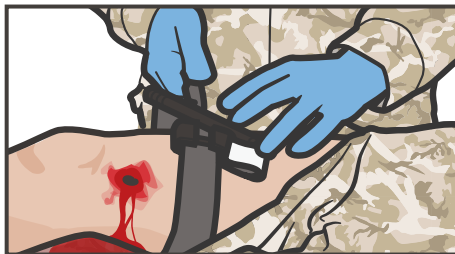


- 03 REMOVE** tourniquet from the casualty's JFAK and/or carrying pouch.

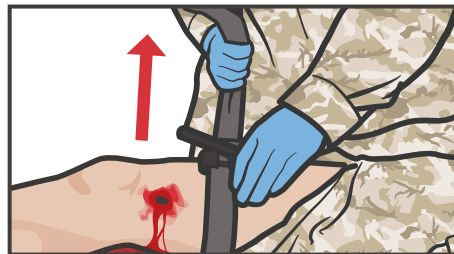


- 04 INSERT** wounded extremity through the loop of band (looped).

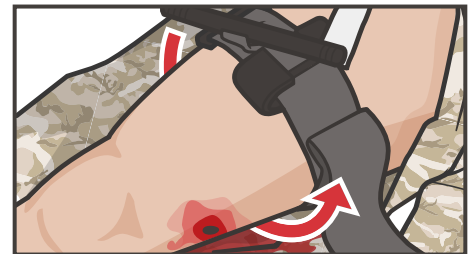
**ROUTE** band around limb, and through routing buckle.



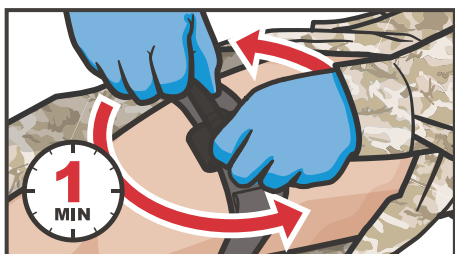
- 05 POSITION** 2-3" above wound directly on skin.



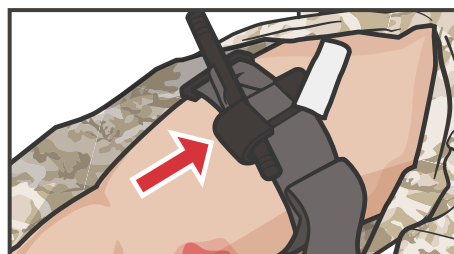
- 06 PULL** self-adhering band **TIGHTLY**, removing all slack.



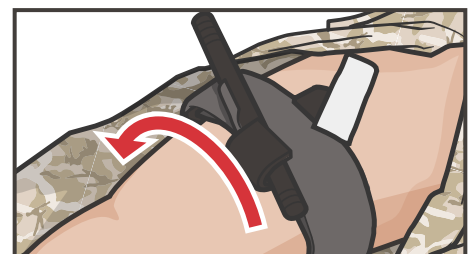
- 07 FASTEN** it back on itself all the way around the limb (not over rod clips).



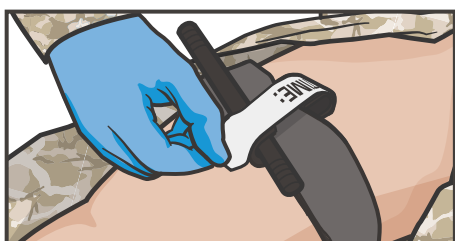
- 08 TWIST** the windlass rod until bleeding has stopped (*complete steps 1-8 in under 1 min*).



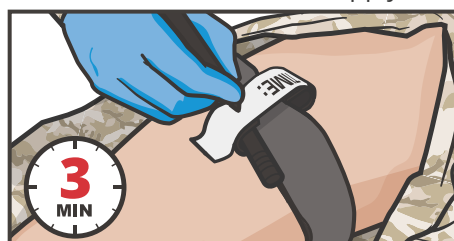
- 09 LOCK** the windlass rod in place with the windlass clip.



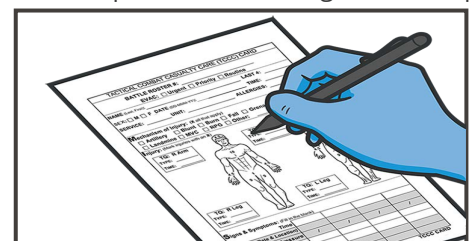
- 10 ROUTE** self-adhering band around the rod and between the clips.



- 11 SECURE** with the windlass safety strap.



- 12 ANNOTATE** time of tourniquet application on the strap (or the casualty's forehead) completing the process within 3 mins.



- 13 DOCUMENT** all findings and treatments on the DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.