

TWO-HANDED (RATCHET) 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.



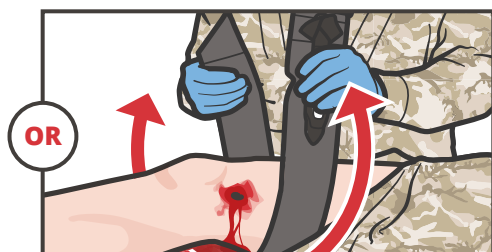
- 02 APPLY** direct pressure to control bleeding.



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

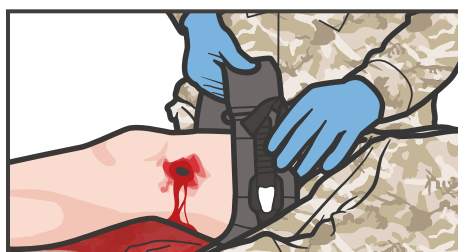


- 04a INSERT** wounded extremity in the loop of the tourniquet strap.

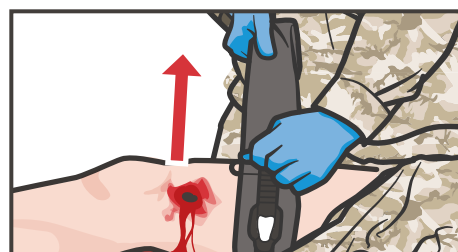


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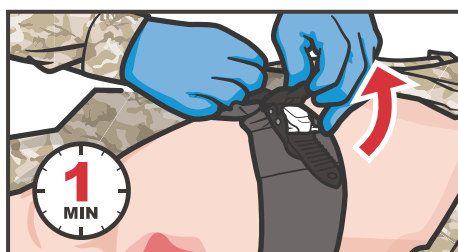
- 04b ROUTE** band around limb, and through routing buckle.
PULL back on itself.



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



- 06 PULL** strap as **TIGHTLY** as possible, removing excess slack **before** tightening the ratchet device.



- 07 RATCHET** device as tightly as possible until bleeding stops (complete steps 1-7 in under 1 min).



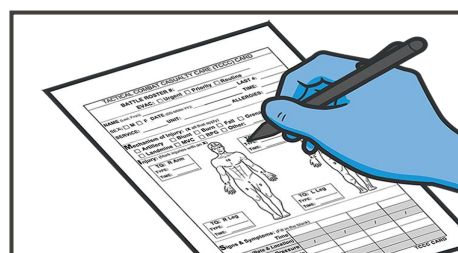
- 08 LOCK** the ratchet on itself (it will click into place).



- 09 WRAP** excess strap around the ratchet device and **SECURE** in place.



- 10 DOCUMENT** the time of tourniquet application on the strap (or the casualty's forehead) completing the process within 3 minutes.



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