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1. Assess the Situation

- Before providing first aid, ensure the area is safe for both you and the injured person.
- Look for potential hazards and take necessary precautions.

2. Check for Responsiveness

- Gently tap the person and ask loudly, "Are you okay?"
- If there is no response, call for help immediately.

3. Call for Help

- Dial emergency services (e.g., 911) or ask someone else to do so.
- Provide clear and concise information about the situation.

4. Provide Comfort

- Reassure the person and try to keep them calm.
- Offer support and let them know help is on the way.

5. Control Bleeding

- Apply direct pressure to the wound using a clean cloth or bandage.
- Elevate the injured limb if possible to help reduce bleeding.

6. Treat for Shock

- Keep the person warm and comfortable.
- Elevate their legs unless it causes pain or worsens any injury.

7. Manage Burns

- Run cool water over the burn for at least 10 minutes.
- Cover the burn with a sterile bandage or clean cloth.

8. Perform CPR

- If the person is not breathing, start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

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- Follow the guidelines for chest compressions and rescue breaths.

9. Address Fractures

- Immobilize the injured limb using a splint or makeshift support.
- Avoid moving the person unless necessary to prevent further injury.

10. Attend to Choking

- Encourage the person to cough forcefully.
- Perform abdominal thrusts (Heimlich maneuver) if the person is unable to breathe.

Remember, these basic first aid techniques can help stabilize a person's condition until professional medical help arrives. Regular first aid training can enhance your skills and confidence in handling emergency situations effectively.