

# Cuts, Scratches, and Scrapes



- Small cuts and scrapes in the skin can allow bacteria to enter the body and cause infection.
- Wash with soap and water
- Ask about allergies, if none, apply triple antibiotic ointment.
- Cover with a dry sterile dressing or adhesive bandage
- Clean and re-bandage every day or more often as needed

## **Signs of Infection**

- Redness, warmth, tenderness, swelling, green or yellow fluid
- Body aches, fever, chills or swollen lymph nodes
- Consult a doctor if these signs worsen or spread