

# Using a Malleable Splint



## *Assess Injured Limb*

- Make sure there are no higher priority problems to care for.
- Expose and inspect injury site for open wounds.
- Ensure manual stabilization of limb until splinted.



## *Prepare to Splint*

- Fold and shape splint to make rigid and match contours of limb.



## *Apply Splint*

- Immobilize injury site along with joints above and below it.
- Bind the splint firmly to limb, but not on top of injury site.
- Bind both sides of a joint and allow the hand or foot to assume a natural position.



## *Monitor Limb*

- Once in place, monitor limb on far side of splint for signs of poor circulation.
- If limb is discolored or cool to the touch, loosen binding on splint to improve blood flow.