

FINGER/TOENAIL INJURY

A crush injury to the fingertip may result in fracture or bleeding under intact fingernail, creating pressure that may be very painful.

- Wear gloves when exposed to body fluids.
- Use clean bandage or gauze and apply gentle direct pressure until bleeding stops.
- Wash with soap and water, apply band-aid or tape overlay to protect nail bed.
- Apply cool compress for up to 20 minutes for pain and prevent swelling.
- Elevate the student's finger above the level of their heart to help reduce pain and swelling.
- If the student is wearing a ring on the injured finger, have the student remove the ring.

- Has the pain improved after applying cool compress?
- Has the bleeding stopped after applying pressure?

NO

If you suspect a fracture,
Also see "**FRACTURE.**"

Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian.
URGE MEDICAL CARE.

If unable to reach parent/guardian, allow student to rest with adult supervision.

If pain becomes severe,
CALL EMS/911.

YES

Have the student return to class.

Contact parent/guardian to inform them of injury.

Document care provided.