

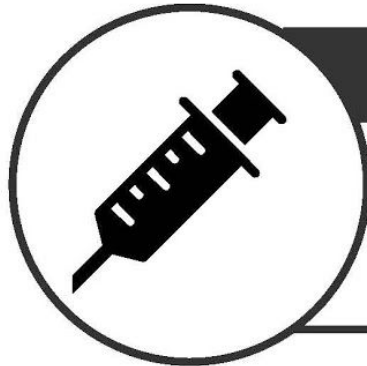
Tetanus and First Aid

**Grand County Public Health
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After a fire, there is risk of injury as cleanup efforts begin.

Tetanus is a concern for persons with both open and closed wounds, and a tetanus vaccination is recommended for all residents returning to the burn area who have not had a documented dose within the past five years.

Prompt first aid management for wounds and prevention of infection is another important consideration. If you receive a puncture wound or a wound contaminated with feces, soil, or saliva, a healthcare professional should determine if a tetanus booster is necessary.



Tetanus Vaccine

- Tetanus is a concern with both open and closed wounds
- Vaccination booster is recommended for everyone who doesn't have a current documented booster
- Contact your primary care provider or Grand County Public Health for a tetanus vaccine. There were also be vaccinations available at the Disaster Assistance Center (Silver Creek Inn Conference Center) on Monday & Tuesday from 8am to 6pm.



Seek immediate medical care if

- There is a foreign object embedded in the wound.
- The wound is at special risk of infection (such as a dog bite or a puncture by a dirty object).
- A previous wound shows signs of becoming infected (e.g. increased pain, heat, swelling, redness, draining, or fever).



Care for minor wounds

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and clean water.
- Avoid touching the wound with your fingers while treating it.
- Remove obstructive jewelry or clothing from the injured area.
- Apply direct pressure to any bleeding wound to control bleeding.
- Clean the wound after bleeding has stopped.

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