You have an injury that requires care. Please read the following instructions so you know how to care for the wound.

Laceration/Abrasion aftercare:

- Apply antibiotic ointment (e.g. Bacitracin) and a clean Band-Aid or dressing daily for 48 hours.
- You may clean gently with mild soap and water.
- You may shower if your provider gives permission but do not take a bath until the skin is healed. Remove the dressing before your shower.
- Gently dry the area, reapply antibiotic ointment and put on new dressing.
- Never leave a wet dressing on your wound as this may promote infection.
- Most cuts and scrapes heal on their own within 7 to 10 days. As your cut or scrape heals, a scab will form. Be sure to leave the scab alone and not pick at it.

Watch for signs of infection:

- Increasing redness, tenderness or warmth around the site
- Unusual swelling around the site
- Appearance of pus or any red streaks
- Fever

If you develop any of the above signs or symptoms of infection, please call Health Services at 401-863-3953 for advice, or an appointment to be evaluated.

Burn aftercare:

- Apply antibiotic ointment (e.g. Bacitracin) vaseline or prescription medication as directed by your provider.
- If directed by your provider, apply clean dry gauze daily for 48 hours.
- You may clean gently with mild soap and water after 24 hours.
- You may shower if your provider gives permission but do not take a bath until the skin is healed. Remove the dressing before your shower.
- Gently dry the area, reapply ointment and put on new dressing (if applicable).
- Never leave a wet dressing on your wound as this may promote infection.

If you have any questions about your injury, please call the nursing line (401)863-1330 for 24 hour/7days a week advice.