

# Tourniquets Used to Save Lives at Vegas Shooting

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Shooting in Las Vegas

**Another devastating mass shooting underscores the need for ordinary citizens to know trauma first aid, including tourniquet application.**

([Newswire.net](#) -- October 17, 2017) Woodbridge, VA -- In the wake of the tragic shooting in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017, there has been a renewed call to expand efforts to teach the public how to help the wounded in a traumatic emergency.

About half of the 58 victims at the Route 91 Harvest Festival died on the way to the hospital. While it is easy to assume these victims would have died regardless of any medical response, the truth is that the proper application of a tourniquet on a person who is losing a profuse amount of blood can save their life. At the start of the 2000's, military doctors found out that some soldiers who died from their wounds could have been saved in the battlefields if they or their fellow soldiers knew how to apply a tourniquet. Some wounds can be fixed through surgery if too much blood hasn't already been lost. Since this finding, tourniquet training has become standard for those in the military. Soldiers also carry their own first aid kits, which contain tourniquets.

Time is of the essence when responding to any emergency situation, particularly a mass shooting. Mere minutes can be the difference between life and death for someone who has been shot, or received an injury which has caused severe bleeding. Victims can die within 5 to 10 minutes from uncontrolled bleeding. Medical experts stress that the regular citizen should know how to capably apply a tourniquet on a bleeding victim. The best way to do this is to attend a training course.

There is now a national effort, [Stop the Bleed](#), which promotes the importance of controlling bleeding. According to Stop the Bleed, 'Massive bleeding from any cause, but particularly from an active shooter or explosive event where a response is delayed can result in death. Similar to how the general public learns and performs CPR, the public must learn proper bleeding control techniques, including how to use their hands, dressings, and tourniquets.' Lives can be saved if everyone learns how to effectively put a tourniquet on themselves and others.

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