

# **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### What is WoundSeal Powder and how does it work?

WoundSeal Powder is a non-prescription "powder bandage". The ingredients are a non-toxic mixture of a hydrophilic polymer and potassium ferrate. When poured on a wound and upon contact with blood or exudate, in combination with manual pressure to the wound, the powder quickly forms a scab that completely covers the wound and stops the bleeding. WoundSeal is not a vasoconstrictor or a cauterizing agent, the powder is not biologically derived and is non-toxic.

## On what type of wounds can I apply WoundSeal Powder?

Use WoundSeal Powder on external wounds that have blood, such as cuts, skin tears and avulsions.

#### Does WoundSeal Powder cauterize or burn the skin?

No - The powder is a wound dressing that works by combining with blood and forming an instant, protective seal/scab. It is not a cauterizing agent and doesn't burn or damage tissue.

### Can WoundSeal Powder cause allergic reactions?

The product is hypoallergenic. No allergic reactions have been reported.

## Does WoundSeal interact with any other medications?

There are no known interactions with other medication.

# Will WoundSeal Powder work for people who bleed frequently?

Yes - WoundSeal Powder does not depend on the blood's natural clotting mechanisms to be effective, so it will work for people who bleed frequently.

# How much WoundSeal Powder should I apply?

Apply as much WoundSeal Powder as it takes to completely cover the wound and any blood around it.

## Is there any discomfort with the use of WoundSeal Powder?

For wounds with ample blood present there should be no discomfort felt at all. However, for wounds like abrasions, where there is little blood present, a temporary warming sensation might be felt depending on the location and severity of the wound.

# Can I use my fingers to apply WoundSeal Powder?

We recommend applying the powder directly from the dispenser onto the wound. For difficult-to-reach areas, the applicator should be used to most effectively apply the powder.

### If an employee suffers a cut, can I apply the WoundSeal Powder even though he/she is sweating?

Yes - the powder will instantly form a protective scab/seal that adheres to the wound, even if the skin is moist with perspiration.

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# FAQ's Continued:

## Should the WoundSeal Powder be washed off after the blood flow has stopped?

No - it is important to keep the protective scab clean and dry until it has hardened (usually in one to two hours). Once the seal scab has hardened, the treated area can get wet or submerged in water (i.e., showering or swimming.)

### Does the protective scab need to be removed?

No - the protective scab will fall off naturally.

#### After applying WoundSeal Powder, do I need to cover a wound to protect it?

You can cover the wound as desired but the scab will protect the wound site and allow nothing into the wound.

# Can WoundSeal Powder be applied along with other creams or ointments?

No - it is recommended to apply the powder without the use of creams or ointments.

#### I only used half a dispenser. Can I save the rest?

No - the powder is moisture sensitive and packaged as "single use". Once it is exposed to air, it must be used within a few minutes or discarded.

#### Will WoundSeal Powder stain or scar the skin?

Unlike other products on the market, the powder does not stain or scar the skin.

#### Does WoundSeal Power have a shelf life?

WoundSeal for Occupational use has a shelf life of 2 1/2 years from date of manufacture.

#### Do you have clinical or laboratory studies to prove that WoundSeal Powder works?

Yes - Biolife has conducted many studies on the powder. Contact Biolife for more information.

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