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Introduction: First aid measures are lifesaving, it has been reported that on average 20% of the population should be trained to provide first aid if a significant reduction to the mortality is to be achieved. Although the adequate knowledge required for handling an emergency without a hospital setting at the site of the emergency or accident may not be sufficient at least this will help in saving life until reaching professional health staff or a health care center. Objectives: To assess Al-Warraq village population knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding first aid Methods: Cross-section descriptive study has been done in Al-Warraq village Gezira state, Sudan, in period of three weeks, 99 person have been involved in the study. Study units selected using random sampling, data collected using structured questionnaire filled by interview. the questionnaire included both open-ended and close-ended questions. Data collectors were medical students. Results: Regarding their basic knowledge about basic first aid; 50 haven't answered even the basic questions, 52% weren't able to answer types of basic aid, 61% didn't know how to deal with burns, 36% weren't able to deal with a rise in blood pressure. 68% felt that first aid is not the responsibility of only health workers. Conclusions: The study reveals low knowledge and bad practices towards first aid, although the population has a desire to learn. Well prepared training programs of first aid should be delivered more for Al-Warraq population, as well as community volunteers should be trained.