

Casualties Union

REALISM IN EMERGENCY TRAINING

The volunteers who offer trained and made-up acting casualties to make first aid & rescue training realistic.

www.casualtiesunion.org.uk



We are a charitable organisation that provide simulated casualties for training.



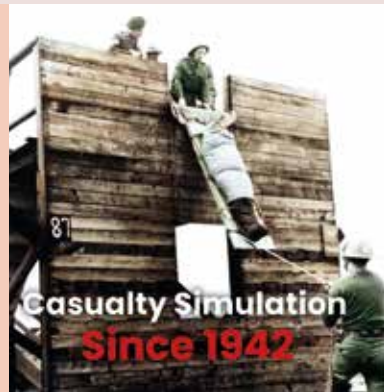
We work hard to create the illusion of illness from a faint to a heart attack and injury from a splinter to a protruding broken bone with special effects makeup. We study how the victim would behave, acting with appropriate posture, facial expression and speech. We respond to our treatment by providing vital feedback during the scenarios or role-play and in any debrief session afterwards.

All our members are volunteers, giving their spare time to training and practising our 'art' and administering the organisation. Many of us are first aiders, and some are medical professionals and SFX makeup experts.

We have the conviction that rescue, first aid, and medical training are improved by having casualties and patients who look and behave as realistically as possible.



Casualties Union evolved from the Surrey County Civil Defence Rescue School, set up during WWII by Eric Claxton to train for bringing bomb victims out of damaged buildings. He set up a course in which acting, made-up casualties were used to teach skills to rescuers. Casualties Union evolved from this school in 1942, and we are still going strong many decades later!





MOUNTAIN RESCUE



RTC TRAINING



AMBULANCE SERVICE



A&E TRAINING

Interested in using us?

The organisations we work with are usually astonished at the effect on staff or students when they meet our 'casualties' in action. The realism of the makeup and acting is the nearest thing they will get to the real emergency. Many tell us they suddenly forgot it was simulated and had the adrenalin rush that the actual situation creates.

Our members provide feedback during the incident by responding appropriately to careful or clumsy handling. This is good training, for they learn to manage it productively.

In a debrief sessions, we offer invaluable tips on how performance could be improved.

Members are covered by Public Liability and Personal Accident insurance and are fully briefed before any exercise. We take the safety of our members and participants very seriously.

If you would like to use our services, contact the regional director covering your area, and they will give you details of your nearest branch. Full details are on the back page of this brochure.

'To simulate realism in the teaching of first aid, rescue and emergency care'

How much does it cost?

The local branch leader will discuss your needs. We can supply our services to many organisations without charge, including some public bodies and charities. Commercial organisations are asked to pay in order to cover our immediate costs and support our work. However, we never refuse a donation from anybody.

Casualties Union

• Experienced working with all agencies

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| ⊙ Paramedics | ⊙ Red Cross |
| ⊙ Mountain Rescue | ⊙ St John Ambulance |
| ⊙ Rail Networks | ⊙ Coastguards |
| ⊙ Hospital training | ⊙ Morticians |
| ⊙ Fire & Rescue | ⊙ Airport exercises |
| ⊙ ATLS training | ⊙ Local Authorities |
| ⊙ Extreme Medicine | ⊙ RNLI |
| ⊙ First Responders | ⊙ Education |
| ⊙ Police | ⊙ DNAR training |
| ⊙ Armed Forces | ⊙ Film & TV |
| ⊙ First Aiders | ⊙ Scouts & Guides |

- **Trained in acting, staging & makeup**
- **Decades worth of experience**
- **Single and multi-agency exercises inc demos at public events & shows**
- **Insurance cover provided**
- **Not for profit charity**
- **Large UK network**
- **Operating since 1942**





Interested in joining us?

We always welcome new members so if Casualties Union appeals to you, please contact us (see the back page or website to locate the region nearest to you).

We offer members a chance to serve the community in a hobby that is interesting, challenging and fun. Plus, the satisfaction of helping first aiders, emergency services and hospitals train in communication, diagnosis and treatment.

We also welcome members with skills who would be willing to assist in the administration of our organisation.



You can see us in action on our official YouTube channel just search 'Casualties Union'

What we offer

- ⊙ Training and support, including acting, staging and makeup skills
- ⊙ Being part of a team and regular branch meetings
- ⊙ Member's Handbook, training manual and skills portfolio
- ⊙ Opportunity for further study and advancement within CU
- ⊙ Quarterly magazine, *Casualty Simulation*
- ⊙ Reimbursement of travel and makeup expenses
- ⊙ Insurance cover while engaged in duties
- ⊙ Experience to boost your CV

What we expect

- ⊙ A willingness to give your time voluntarily
- ⊙ Commitment to be trained in our skills at training sessions
- ⊙ Eagerness to participate in events as often as you can
- ⊙ A reasonable level of fitness and mobility to participate in our events





With over 300 members we can usually provide our services in your area.

Our HQ can put you in touch with the branch closest to you.

Casualties Union Headquarters

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The nearest Casualties Union contact details

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