

# Sample Trauma Activation Criteria #1

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## **Internal Trauma Activation Criteria**

### **Level 1 Trauma Activation**

**Level 1 Trauma Activations are called for patients with a traumatic mechanism of injury, who meet the following ACS criteria:**

- Intubated or assisted ventilation in the field
- Inhalation injury with hypoxia
- Traumatic shock – BP systolic < 90 adult or adolescent, < 80 in child
- Altered neurologic status/coma, GCS < 10
- Paraplegia, quadriplegia, or signs of spinal cord injury
- Penetrating injury to head, neck, torso, or proximal extremity (above knee or elbow)
- Burns > 30% BSA 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Transfer patients from other hospitals receiving blood products to maintain vital signs
- Code Triage (formerly Code Green)
- Emergency Physician discretion

## **Level 2 Trauma Activation**

**Level 2 Trauma Activations are for patients with significant mechanisms of injury, such as:**

- MVC > 35 mph or with extensive damage to vehicle
- Rollover MVC
- Ejection from vehicle
- Pedestrian or bicyclist versus motor vehicle
- Motorcycle, ATV or snowmobile accident > 20 mph
- Fall > 15 feet

**Level 2 Trauma Activations should also be paged for patients with the following:**

- Loss of consciousness, with continued confusion, repetitive questioning, or altered LOC
- Multiple long bone fractures
- Open fracture
- Pelvic fracture or instability
- Ischemic extremity
- Knee dislocation
- Subcutaneous air on chest or neck
- Decreased breath sounds
- Patient > 19 weeks pregnant
- Burns > 10% BSA 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- ED Physician Discretion

## **Level 3 Trauma (Consult) – Do not page to trauma pagers**

- Low speed MVC (< 35 mph) with minimal vehicle damage
- Fall < 14 feet
- Pedestrian/bicyclist vs. motor vehicle < 10 mph
- Motorcyclist, ATV, Snowmobile < 20 mph