

## TRAUMA CODE/ALERT ACTIVATION CRITERIA

A Late Trauma Code or Alert will be called on those patients who have diagnostic findings of Life threatening injuries identified after a traumatic event. Responses from nursing and physicians are to be the same as when initially calling a Trauma Code or Alert.

RESPONSE	CRITERIA	PERSONNEL
<b>TRAUMA CODE</b>  (Most Severe Injuries)  Stabilize and Transfer these Patients to Higher Level of Care Trauma Facility  Goal: Time in ED <2 hours	<b>Physiologic: criteria indicating high risk or life threatening injuries:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GCS &lt; or = 13</b></li> <li><b>SBP &lt; 90mmHg (Adult)</b></li> <li><b>Age Specific Hypotension in Children</b></li> <li><b>RR &lt; 10 or &gt; 29</b></li> </ul> <b>Anatomic: criteria indicating high risk or life threatening injuries:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Traumatic Arrests</b></li> <li><b>Uncontrolled hemorrhage</b></li> <li><b>Open and depressed skull fractures</b></li> <li><b>All penetrating injuries to Head, Neck, Chest, Torso and Extremities proximal to elbow or knee.</b></li> <li><b>Respiratory Compromise, obstruction or intubation.</b></li> <li><b>Chest wall instability or deformity (e.g., flail chest)</b></li> <li><b>Crushed, de-gloved, mangled or pulseless extremity</b></li> <li><b>Amputation proximal to the wrist or ankle</b></li> <li><b>Two or more proximal long-bone fractures</b></li> <li><b>Paralysis with mechanism of trauma</b></li> <li><b>Pelvic fracture - Obvious</b></li> <li><b>***OB Trauma (Chest, Abdomen, Pelvis)</b></li> <li><b>Burns of &gt; 20% TBSA in Adults</b></li> <li><b>Burns &gt;10% TBSA in Children</b></li> <li><b>Burns involving face, hands, feet, genitalia, and/or perineum.</b></li> <li><b>ED Physician Discretion</b></li> </ul>	<b>Response Team:</b> ED Physician & ED Resident TNCC RN I & II Radiology Technologist Respiratory Therapist Phlebotomist  <b>Also Notified:</b> Security Officer House Supervisor Trauma Coordinator ED Director ED CNC Chaplain Social Worker  <b>***OB Trauma activation is by physician discretion. These patients will be Transferred to Bay Area ED unless multisystem.</b>
<b>TRAUMA ALERT</b>  (Moderate Injuries)  <b>2 Blue = 1 Red</b>	<b>Patients who have any of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Falls</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>-Adults: &gt;20 feet (one story is = to 10')</b></li> <li><b>-Children: &gt;10 feet or twice the height of the child</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>High Risk auto crash</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>- Intrusion, including roof: &gt;12in occupant side; &gt;18 in any side</b></li> <li><b>- Ejection (partial or complete)</b></li> <li><b>- Roll over</b></li> <li><b>- Death in same passenger compartment</b></li> <li><b>- Initial speed &gt;40mph</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Motorized vehicle vs. pedestrian/bicyclist thrown, run over, or with significant impact.</b></li> <li><b>Motorcycle Crash &gt;20mph</b></li> <li><b>Head injuries with bleeding disorders or on Anticoagulants</b></li> <li><b>Pregnancy with Trauma &gt;20 weeks</b></li> <li><b>Watercraft injuries &gt; 5 mph</b></li> <li><b>ED Physician Discretion</b></li> </ul>	<b>Response Team:</b> ED Physician TNCC RN I & II Radiology Technologist  <b>Also Notified:</b> Security Officer House Supervisor Trauma Coordinator ED Director ED CNC

**DO NOT DOWNGRADE OR CANCEL A TRAUMA ACTIVATION**