

INTERAGENCY INTEGRATED TRIAGE: *Reference card

High-Risk Trauma Criteria

 General Trauma	 Road Traffic
Fall from twice person's height	High speed motor vehicle crash
Penetrating trauma excluding distal to knee/elbow with bleeding controlled	Pedestrian or cyclist hit by vehicle
Crush injury	Other person in same vehicle died at scene
Polytrauma (injuries in multiple body areas)	Motor vehicle crash without a seatbelt
Patient with bleeding disorder or on anticoagulation	Trapped or thrown from vehicle (including motorcycle)
Pregnant	

Other High-Risk Criteria

 Signs of Respiratory Distress	
Adult	Child
Very fast or very slow breathing	Very fast breathing
Inability to talk or walk unaided	Inability to talk, eat or breastfeed
Confused, sleepy or agitated	Nasal flaring, grunting
Accessory muscle use (neck, intercostal, abdominal)	Accessory muscle use (e.g., head nodding, chest indrawing)

Ingestion/exposure

Use of clinical signs alone may not identify all those who need time-dependent intervention. Patients with high risk ingestion or exposure should initially be up-triaged to Red for early clinical assessment.

 Major Burns	
(the below criteria refer to partial or full thickness burns)	
Greater than 15% body surface area	Inhalation injury
Circumferential or involving face or neck	Any burn in age < 2 or age > 70

 Threatened Limb
A patient presenting with a limb that is:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulseless OR • Painful and one of the following: pale, weak, numb, or with massive swelling after trauma.

