

This process applies to children who may have suffered major trauma

Complete Primary Survey  
ABCD

Unmanageable airway  
Unsupportable breathing  
Uncontrollable catastrophic haemorrhage

Yes

Activate Major Trauma Alert  
Immediate transport to nearest  
Trauma Unit or Trauma Centre

No

Respiratory rate abnormal for age  
Pulse abnormal for age or CRT > 3 sec  
GCS 12 or less

Yes

Activate Major Trauma Alert  
Prompt transport to nearest  
Trauma Centre if under 45 min  
drive otherwise proceed to  
nearest Trauma Unit

No

Flail chest  
Penetrating trauma to the head, neck, trunk or limbs  
proximal to elbow / knee  
Fractures to two or more long bones (humerus / femur)  
Amputation proximal to wrist / ankle  
Crushed / mangled / degloved extremities  
New onset sensory or motor deficit  
Severe burns

Yes

Contact Trauma Cell for senior  
clinical advice  
Proceed as advised

No

GCS 13 or 14  
Falls of over 3 times the patients height  
Entrapment  
Complete or partial ejection from a motor vehicle  
Death in the same passenger compartment  
Significant co-morbidities  
Pregnancy of 20 weeks or more  
Other clinician concern

Yes

No

Not high major trauma risk  
Apply Paramedic Pathfinder for  
Trauma

AGE	RR	PULSE
< 2 y	30 - 40	110- 160
2 - 5 y	25 - 30	95 - 140
5-11 y	20 - 25	80 - 120
> 12 y	15 - 20	60 - 100

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