

This process applies to all patients who have sustained a burn injury

Complete Primary Survey  
ABCD

Unmanageable Airway  
Unmanageable Breathing  
Unmanageable catastrophic Haemorrhage

Activate RED Major Trauma  
Pre-alert  
Immediate transport to  
nearest Trauma Unit or  
Major Trauma Centre

No

Is there associated polytrauma?

Refer to Major Trauma  
Pathfinder

No

An isolated burn

Activate RED Major Trauma  
Pre-alert and transfer to  
nearest Burns Centre  
(Wythenshawe or  
Whiston Hospital) if under 45  
min drive otherwise proceed  
to nearest Trauma Unit

Adult  
>10% TBSA

Child  
(less than 16) ≥ 10% TBSA

Activate RED Major Trauma  
Pre-alert and transfer to  
Royal Manchester Children's  
Hospital or Alder Hey  
If under 60 mins drive  
otherwise proceed to  
nearest Trauma Unit

No

No

Nearest Emergency  
Department

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Do not include erythema when calculating the total  
body surface area (TBSA).

