

Criteria for early notification of trauma for interfacility transfer¹

ALL trauma patients - do rapid assessment of **vital signs, injuries** and **mechanism of injury**

	Adult	Newborn ◀ 4 weeks	Infant 1 – 12 mths	Child 1 – 8 years	Child 9 – 15 years	
Vital signs	Respiratory rate/minute	◀ 10 or ▶ 30	◀ 40 or ▶ 60	◀ 20 or ▶ 50	◀ 20 or ▶ 35	◀ 15 or ▶ 25
	SpO ₂ on room air	◀ 90%	◀ 95%	◀ 95%	◀ 95%	◀ 95%
	Systolic BP mmHg	◀ 90	n/a	◀ 60	◀ 70	◀ 80
	HR/minute	▶ 120	◀ 100 or ▶ 170	◀ 90 or ▶ 170	◀ 75 or ▶ 130	◀ 65 or ▶ 120
	GCS	◀ 14	Altered LOC	Altered LOC	Altered LOC	Altered LOC

Injuries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All penetrating injuries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – head/neck/chest/abdomen/pelvis/axilla • Blunt injuries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – patients with significant injuries to a single region - head/neck/chest/abdomen/pelvis/axilla – patients with injuries involving 2 or more of the above body regions • Specific injuries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – limb amputation/life threatening injuries – suspected spinal cord injury – burns: adult > 20% BSA (child > 10%) – suspected respiratory tract burns – serious crush injury – major compound fracture or open dislocation – fracture to 2 or more: femur, tibia, humerus – fractured pelvis

Mechanism of injury	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ejection from vehicle • Motorcyclist impact > 30 kph • High speed motor vehicle collision > 60 kph • Vehicle roll over • Fatality in same vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged extrication > 30 minutes • Pedestrian impact • Fall from height > 3 metres • Struck on head by falling object > 3 metres • Explosion

If ANY of the above are present PROMPTLY CALL

RSQ ☎ 1300 799 127

for management support, retrieval advice and destination decision
or your local/state trauma escalation service

If none of the above is present, follow usual local processes for assessment and transfer of the patient