

ED Paediatric Trauma Call Criteria (WPH)

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Abbreviations

PEWS	Paediatric Early Warning Score
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Triage as normal, unless the child (<16 years old) has suffered significant trauma:

- Concerning Mechanism of Injury (see below)
- Concerning Serious Potential Injury (see below)
- Concerning Observations – PEWS >3

If Significant Trauma

If major haemorrhage suspected:

- **2222 Paediatric Code Red Trauma Call**

Otherwise:

- **2222 Paediatric Trauma Call *and***
- **Call ED Consultant**

Concerning mechanism of injury

- Fall > 3m or twice patients height
- Ejected/trapped under vehicle
- Motorcyclist, bicyclist, or pedestrian impact > 20 mph
- High speed Motor Vehicle Collision >40mph or prolonged extrication (entrapment) > 30 mins
- Death of a same vehicle occupant
- Bulls-eye windscreen
- Penetrating trauma
- Large animal incident: Fall, trampled, collision
- Hanging
- Drowning
- Blunt trauma to neck /chest/abdo with pain
- Burn >20% body surface area/inhalation/electrical/ chemical/enclosed with fire

Concerning potential injuries

A - Airway injury, facial injury, penetrating neck injury, intubated

B - Respiratory failure, pneumothorax, multiple rib fractures, flail chest, haemothorax

C - Shock or clinical suspicion of bleeding

D - GCS motor score of 4 or less, traumatic seizures, pupil abnormalities, brain injury, open or depressed skull fracture

E - Crushed, degloved, mangled, amputated limb, 2 or more fractures of proximal limb, spinal injury

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