

Pediatric trauma patients meeting any one of the parameters in Category 1 (**RED** Criteria), or any two parameters in Category 2 (**BLUE** Criteria), should be transported to the nearest State Approved Pediatric Trauma Center. The following criteria will be applied to those injured patients with anatomical and physiological characteristics of a person **LESS THAN** 16 years of age.

	<b>CATEGORY 1 (RED)</b> (ANY <u>1</u> MEETS TAC)	<b>CATEGORY 2 (BLUE)</b> (ANY <u>2</u> MEET TAC)
<b>WEIGHT</b>		≤11 Kg (≤ 24 lbs), red or purple on length based tape.
<b>AIRWAY</b>	Ventilatory assisted <sup>2</sup> or intubated	
<b>MOTOR RESPONSE</b>	Paralysis, suspected spinal cord injury or loss of sensation	
<b>CONSCIOUSNESS</b>	Altered mental status or coma	Amnesia or any reliable history of LOC <sup>6</sup>
<b>CIRCULATION</b>	Faint or no radial pulse and/or SBP <50 mmHg	Carotid or femoral pulses but no radial. Includes a SBP 50-90 mmHg and/or CR >3 seconds.
<b>FRACTURE</b>	Any open long bone fracture, multiple fracture sites, multiple dislocations, or pelvic fracture	A single, closed long bone fracture.
<b>CUTANEOUS</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree burns to ≥10% TBSA, major tissue disruption <sup>3</sup> or amputation <sup>4</sup> , or penetrating injury to head, neck, or torso <sup>5</sup>	
<b>MECHANISM OF INJURY</b>		Ejection from a motor vehicle <sup>1</sup> , or death of an occupant in same passenger compartment
<b>OTHER</b>	EMT/Paramedic Judgement	

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1</sup> Excludes motorcycles, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, or the open body of a pick-up truck.
- <sup>2</sup> Assistance includes manual jaw thrust, multiple suctioning, or use of other adjuncts to assist ventilatory efforts.
- <sup>3</sup> Degloving Injuries, major flap avulsions, or major soft tissue disruption.
- <sup>4</sup> Proximal to the wrist or ankle.
- <sup>5</sup> Penetrating Injury to the head, face, neck, or torso, chest, shoulder (medial to the axillary fold), abdomen, back, flank, buttocks, and groin to mid-thigh. Excludes superficial wounds in which the depth of the wound can be easily determined.
- <sup>6</sup> Reliable history of LOC are those observed by a responder, law enforcement, EMT, paramedic, nurse, physician, etc...