

# WHEN TO CALL A LEVEL ONE TRAUMA CENTER

## *Elvis Presley Memorial Trauma Center*

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### Vital signs are:

- Glasgow Coma Scale < 14 or deterioration
- Systolic BP < 90 mmHg
- Respiratory Rate < 10 or >29 bpm

OR

### Patient has any of the following:

- Penetrating injury
- Flail Chest
- Two or more proximal long bone fractures
- Crushed, degloved or mangled extremity
- Amputation proximal to wrist or ankle
- Pelvic Fracture
- Open or depressed skull fracture
- Paralysis

OR

### The patient suffered a high-risk fall, car crash, or other injury:

- Falls more than 20 feet
- Car crashes with:
  - Intrusion more than 12 inches
  - Ejection
  - Death in same vehicle
- Any car versus pedestrian or bicyclist
- Motorcycle crash more than 20 mph

OR

### The patient is injured and is:

- Older than 55
- On an anticoagulant or has a bleeding disorder
- Pregnant > 20 weeks

OR

**If in doubt call MedCom at 1-800-351-3434.**

## Transfer Protocol Call MedCom 1-800-351-3434

Referring physician initiating transfer should speak directly to the physician accepting the patient at the receiving hospital.

Advise on mechanism of injury, major injuries, vital signs and pertinent labs.

Consider mode of transport.  
Air? Or Ground?

Once need for transfer is recognized, arrangements should be expedited and not delayed for diagnostic procedures that do not change the immediate plan of care.

Send copies of documentation.

The Elvis Presley Memorial Trauma Center accepts patients age 14 years and up.



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