START Adult Triage

Able to walk?

Yes → MINOR → SECONDARY TRIAGE

No → Spontaneous breathing

No → Position airway → APNEA

Spontaneous breathing → IMMEDIATE

Yes → Respiratory Rate

>30 → IMMEDIATE

<30 → Perfusion

Radial pulse absent or capillary refill > 2 sec → IMMEDIATE

Radial pulse present or capillary refill < 2 sec

Mental status

Doesn’t obey commands → IMMEDIATE

Obeys commands → DELAYED

Triage Categories

**EXPECTANT** (Black Triage Tag Color)
- Victim unlikely to survive given severity of injuries, level of available care, or both
- Palliative care and pain relief should be provided

**IMMEDIATE** (Red Triage Tag Color)
- Victim can be helped by immediate intervention and transport
- Requires medical attention within minutes for survival (up to 60)
- Includes compromises to patient’s Airway, Breathing, Circulation

**DELAYED** (Yellow Triage Tag Color)
- Victim’s transport can be delayed
- Includes serious and potentially life-threatening injuries, but status not expected to deteriorate significantly over several hours

**MINOR** (Green Triage Tag Color)
- Victim with relatively minor injuries
- Status unlikely to deteriorate over days
- May be able to assist in own care: “Walking Wounded”

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