START Adult Triage

Able to walk?
Yes
MINOR
SECONDARY TRIAGE
No
Spontaneous breathing
No
Position airway
APNEA
IMMEDIATE
Yes
Respiratory Rate
>30
IMMEDIATE
<30
Perfusion
Radial pulse absent<sup>1</sup>
or capillary refill > 2 sec
IMMEDIATE
Radial pulse present<sup>1</sup>
or capillary refill < 2 sec
Mental status
Doesn't obey commands
IMMEDIATE
Obeys commands
DELAYED

Conventional 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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