

SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY (A) CLASSIFICATIONS

UNCONSCIOUSNESS

- Breathing but not awake and not talking
 - Only qualifies if victim remains unconscious when taken from scene

PARALYSIS

- Loss of movement

CRUSH INJURIES

- Part of the body is pinned or trapped
 - Victim cannot escape

SKULL, CHEST, OR ABDOMINAL INJURIES

- Confused or acts irrational or unusual
 - Impression on windshield might indicate a head injury
- Bruising, swelling, bleeding, or deformities of chest or abdomen
- Bulging eyes or veins popping in the neck

SIGNIFICANT BURNS

- Second- or third-degree burns on ten percent of body (majority of extremity, chest or back)

SEVERE LACERATION

- Exposure of underlying tissue and/or oozing and active bleeding

BROKEN OR DISTORTED EXTREMITIES

- Limb is deformed
- Can see bone

→ When in doubt, ask EMS personnel for assistance



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