START Adult Triage

Able to walk?
Yes → MINOR → SECONDARY TRIAGE

No

Spontaneous breathing
No → Position airway

Yes → Spontaneous breathing

APNEA

EXPECTANT

Respiratory Rate

>30 → IMMEDIATE

<30

Perfusion

Radial pulse absent\(^1\) or capillary refill > 2 sec. → IMMEDIATE

Radial pulse present\(^2\) or capillary refill < 2 sec.

Mental status

Doesn’t obey commands → IMMEDIATE

Obey 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 compromised 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”