



List of common mechanisms of injury and advice on how to record

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Type of injury	Type	Correct Mechanism	Injury Intent	Additional Information	Position in vehicle	Protection in vehicle	Out of Hospital Cardiac arrest
<b>Assault</b>	Blunt	Blows	Alleged Assault		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Child abuse/Suspected Non Accidental Injury (NAI)</b>	Blunt	Blows	Suspected Child abuse		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Pedalcyclist (incl. Children)</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Pedalcyclist	Helmet or None	Record if appropriate
<b>Pedestrian hit by a car or run over by own vehicle</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Pedestrian	None	Record if appropriate
<b>Mobility Scooter</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Mobility Scooter	None	Record if appropriate
<b>Motorcyclist</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Motorcyclist	Helmet and/or body armour	Record if appropriate
<b>Passenger on motorbike</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Pillion Passenger	Helmet and/or body armour	Record if appropriate
<b>Hit by or jumps in front of a train</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Non Intentional or Suspected self-harm		Pedestrian	None	Record if appropriate
<b>Fall from pony and trap</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Position not known	Record as appropriate	Record if appropriate
<b>Segway/motorised scooter</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Powered Transporters	Record as appropriate	Record if appropriate
<b>Go Cart</b>	Blunt	Vehicle Incident	Record as appropriate		Driver	Record as appropriate	Record if appropriate
<b>Scooters/Skateboards</b>	Blunt	Fall <2m	Record as appropriate		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate

<b>Horse Riders</b>	Blunt	Fall <2m	Sport		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Fall down stairs</b>	Blunt	Fall < 2m unless confirmed to be a full flight, 10 or more steps	Non Intentional		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Jump from height</b>	Blunt	Fall >2m	Suspected self-harm		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Fall from height</b>	Blunt	Fall from >2m or more than 7 foot	Non Intentional		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Inpatient Falls</b>	Blunt	Fall < 2m unless confirmed to be a full flight, 10 or more steps	Non intentional	Inpatient at this Hospital	N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Hangings</b>	Blunt	Other	Suspected Self-Harm	Traumatic Asphyxia	N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Drownings</b>	Blunt	Other	Non Intentional	Near Drowning/Drowning	N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Self-Harming</b>	Blunt	Other	Suspected self-harm		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Burns</b>	Blunt	Burns	Non Intentional	External burn	N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Unknown Traumatic Mechanism – only use if confirmed trauma but unsure of mechanism due to drink, drugs or amnesia of events</b>	Blunt	Other	Intent Inconclusive	Unknown Traumatic Mechanism	N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Stabbings</b>	Penetrating	Stabbing	Alleged assault		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Shootings</b>	Penetrating	Shooting	Alleged Assault		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate

<b>Dog bites</b>	Penetrating	Other	Non intentional		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate
<b>Impalements</b>	Penetrating	Fall <2m/Fall >2m record as appropriate	Record as appropriate		N/A	N/A	Record if appropriate