

START: Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment

MINOR	No field treatment needed
DELAYED	Treatment needed but no life threat
IMMEDIATE	Treatment needed for life threat
DECEASED	Dead or non-salvageable

Size up (safe to be there). Gloves, mask. Buddy & roles designated.

Basic supplies: (colored tags/ markers, paper, pen, radio/phone/ whistle)

Med supplies: (e.g., splints, gauze/ dressing, tourniquet)

1. On entry to the incident scene, call out: “If you can hear my voice, come to me.”
 - Tag, document, & monitor those who come over to you
 - ✓ They may provide information, help with specific tasks
 - ✓ Safely place non-assisting survivors. Remove obstreperous people.
2. Start where you stand, and follow an orderly pattern. ID yourself. Ask permission to check them
 - Evaluate. Quickly treat only life threatening conditions. Categorize them, using these criteria:
 - Respiration**: are they breathing, and not too fast?
 - Pulse**: Nailbed or palm refill < 2 seconds. Do they have a radial pulse?
 - Mental Status**: can they respond to simple directions?
 - Mark each with a consistent triage marking, as in above chart (Don’t refer to triage categories by just their colors. “Yellow”, “red”, and “black” -these labels can have racial overtones.)
 - **Maintain record of number in each category** (add location /notes if personnel/time for this documentation)
 - Aim for no more than 60 seconds per survivor (30 is better). Provide quick reassurance that help will be requested. Continuously evaluate your safety.
 - Report your findings: # of each category. (Helpful to note locations, ID, special conditions.)