

Criteria for patients requiring a trauma assessment at triage:

If a patient presents more than 12 hours after the injury occurred then they should be triaged normally and seen in the appropriate time according to their triage category.

High risk mechanism:

Fall > 3m

Fall down 5 or more steps

RTC:

- High speed motor vehicle collision >30mph
- Entrapment
- Unrestrained passenger
- Death in same passenger compartment
- Complete or partial ejection from vehicle
- Rollover
- Lap restraint belt only

Axial load injury – drop or direct force onto top of head e.g. diving, ‘bullseyeing’ a windshield

Horse riding injury

Accident involving motorised recreational vehicles or bicycle collisions

Gunshot injuries

Stabbing injuries

Blast injuries

OR:

If elderly (age ≥65) – fall from own height

Is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and **has a significant mechanism of injury or an injury with a NEWS >2**

Anticoagulated patients

Trauma assessment needs to be completed within 5 minutes of patient’s arrival