

# E16 FALLS

KEY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
<b>** DO NOT MOVE THE PATIENT UNLESS THEY ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER**</b>	
Distance of fall?	Advise responders
Cause of fall?	Advise responders. DO NOT move patient
Injuries?	Refer to specific treatment card
Breathing Normally?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conscious: position of comfort</li> <li>• Unconscious: if not breathing normally start <a href="#">CPR</a></li> </ul>

INCIDENT TYPES	
Ground level or short fall (less than 6') WITHOUT priority symptoms or cause	GLF F
Ground level or short fall WITH Difficulty Breathing	BREA PROBLEM F
Long Fall (Greater than 6')	FALL F
Any Fall WITH altered LOC, Paralysis, or Loss of Feeling	FALL F
Ground level fall WITHOUT any injury	LIFT F

Secondary Questions	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Is the patient on any blood thinners?	Advise responders

## Call Back If Anything Changes

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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Considerations:

- May have been caused by serious medical problem
- Cervical spine injuries are common
- Elderly sustain hip fractures
- Head injuries are common
- Did patient lose consciousness during / before / after the fall?

- Chin lift method used to open airway
  - Kneel at the head of the patient, place one hand on the forehead, with the other hand gently lift the chin toward the ceiling.