

E8 BURNS

KEY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Is anything still burning? Explosion involved? Toxic Fumes?	Evacuate the area, Protect rescuers, Think CBRNE
Difficulty Breathing?	Conscious: Position of comfort Unconscious: if not breathing normally start CPR
Area of body burned?	Relay to responders
Type of burn?	Always suspect airway problems with burns to face, neck or chest.

INCIDENT TYPE	
Small burns- hands, feet, fingers, toes	BURN F
Large burns to extremities, or Back, Chest, face, or Difficulty Breathing	TRAU F
If burn is due to chemical or radiation exposure, consider Haz-Mat or other fire response	TRAU F and HAZMAT F

Type of burn?	Burn treatments; only if safe to do so:	
Thermal/Heat	FOR SMALL BURNS - Cool with water FOR LARGE BURNS - Cover with a clean sheet, watch for hypothermia	Always suspect airway problems with burns to the face, neck or chest
Electrical	Remove patient from source if safe. Cover with dry dressing Often causes cardiac arrest, prepare for CPR	
Chemical	If safe to do so, dust off dry chemicals and remove clothing. Protect yourself from exposure/inhaling the chemical. Do not flush with water until you have contacted Poison Control at 800-452-7165. Some chemicals can be activated by water.	If possible ID materials, there may be MSDS sheets for responders on scene
Radiation	Remove the patient from exposure to the radiation or the radiation from the patient.	Consider CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive)

CALL BACK IF ANYTHING CHANGES

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Severity of burns:

Superficial: Mild, will result in pain and reddening of the skin (sunburn)

Partial Thickness: Pain, redness, swelling and blistering.

Full Thickness: White or blackened skin that may be numb.