

Emergency Medical Dispatch Codes

1. Abdominal Pains/Problems
 - A-1 – Abdominal pain
 - C-1 – Males (older than 34)
 - C-2 – Females (older than 45)
 - C-3 – Not alert
 - C-4 – Females with fainting (ages 12 – 50)
2. Allergies/Hives/Red Reaction/Stings
 - A-1 – No difficulty breathing or swallowing
 - B-1 – Unknown symptoms (3rd party situation)
 - C-1 – Difficulty breathing or swallowing
 - D-1 – Severe respiration distress
 - D-2 – Not alert
 - D-3 – Condition worsening
 - E-1 – Ineffective Breathing
3. Animal Bites/Attacks
 - A-1 – Superficial or minor bites
 - A-2 – Spider or insect bites
 - B-1 – Peripheral bites with serious bleeding
 - B-2 – Unknown injuries (3rd party situation)
 - D-1 – Severe central bites
 - D-2 – Large carnivores
 - D-3 – Zoo animal
 - D-4 – Exotic animal
 - D-5 – Any snake
 - D-6 – Attacks or multiple animals
4. Assault/Rape
 - A-1 – Not dangerous injuries
 - A-2 – Non-recent injuries (> 6 hrs)
 - B-1 – Possibly dangerous injuries
 - B-2 – Serious hemorrhages
 - B-3 – Unknown injuries (3rd party situation)
 - D-1 – Multiple victims
 - D-2 – Dangerous injuries

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- D-3 – Not alert
- D-4 – Abnormal breathing
- 5. Back Pain
 - A-1 – Non-traumatic back pain
 - A-2 – Non recent traumatic back pain (> 6 hrs)
 - C-1 – Fainting (age > 50 and non-traumatic)
 - D-1 – Not alert
- 6. Breathing Problems
 - C-1 – Difficulty breathing
 - C-2 – Asthma
 - C-3 – Cardiac history
 - D-1 – Severe respiratory distress
 - D-2 – Not alert
 - D-3 – Sweat or changing colors
 - E-1 – Ineffective Breathing
- 7. Burns/Explosion
 - A-1 – Small burns
 - A-2 – Sunburn or minor burns (< hand size)
 - B-1 – Unknown extent (3rd party situation)
 - C-1 – Difficulty breathing
 - C-2 – Large burns
 - D-1 – Multiple victims
 - D-2 – Severe respiratory distress
 - D-3 – Not Alert
 - D-4 – Explosion
- 8. Carbon Monoxide/Inhalation/Hazardous Materials
 - B-1 – Alert and breathing normally
 - C-1 – Alert with abnormal breathing
 - D-1 – Multiple victims
 - D-2 – Not alert
 - D-3 – Hazardous Materials
 - D-4 – Unknown status (3rd party situation)
- 9. Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest
 - B-1 – Obvious death

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- D-1 – Suspected cardiac arrest
- D-2 – Suspected respiratory arrest
- E-1 – Not Breathing
- E-2 – Breathing Unknown
- E-3 – Hanging
- E-4 – Strangulation
- E-5 – Suffocation
- E-6 – Drowning

10. Chest pain

- A-1 – Normal breathing (age < 35)
- C-1 – Normal breathing (age > 35)
- C-2 – Abnormal breathing
- C-3 – Cocaine or Drug Use
- C-4 – Cardiac History
- D-1 – Severe respiratory distress
- D-2 – Not Alert
- D-3 – Sweaty or changing color

11. Choking

- A-1 – No longer choking (can talk or cry, or is alert and breathing normally)
- D-1 – Choking
- D-2 – Abnormal breathing
- D-3 – Not alert
- E-1 – Choking Verified/Ineffective Breathing

12. Convulsions/Seizures

- A-1 – Breathing now physically verified by caller
- B-1 – Age < 35 (breathing not verified)
- C-1 – Pregnancy
- C-2 – Trauma
- C-3 – Diabetic
- C-4 – Cardiac History
- D-1 – Continuous or multiple seizures
- D-2 – Age > 35 (breathing not verified)
- D-3 – Not breathing (verified)

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13. Diabetic Problems

- A-1 – Conscious and alert
- C-1 – Conscious but not alert
- C-2 – Conscious with abnormal breathing
- D-1 – Unconscious

14. Drowning (near) / Diving Accident

- A-1 – Alert and breathing normally (no injuries and out of water)
- B-1 – Alert and breathing normally (injuries and/or in water)
- B-2 – Unknown status (3rd party situation)
- C-1 – Alert with abnormal breathing
- D-1 – Unconscious
- D-2 – Not breathing or still underwater
- D-3 – Not alert and/or abnormal breathing
- D-4 – Suspected neck injury
- D-5 – Diving or SCUBA Diving accident

15. Electrocution

- C-1 – Alert and breathing normally
- D-1 – Unconscious
- D-2 – Not disconnected from power source
- D-3 – Power not off/hazard present
- D-4 – Not alert
- D-5 – Abnormal breathing
- D-6 – Long fall (> 6 ft./2m.)
- D-7 – Unknown status (3rd party situation)
- E-1 – Not Breathing/Ineffective Breathing

16. Eye problems / Eye injuries

- A-1 – Moderate eye injury
- A-2 – Minor eye injury
- B-1 – Severe eye injuries
- D-1 – Not alert

17. Falls / Back injuries (traumatic)

- A-1 – Not dangerous injuries
- A-2 – Non-recent injuries (> 6 hrs.)
- B-1 – Possible dangerous injuries

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- B-2 – Serious hemorrhage
- B-3 – Unknown injuries (3rd party situation)
- D-1 – Dangerous injuries
- D-2 – Long fall (> 6 ft./2 m.)
- D-3 – Not alert
- D-4 – Abnormal breathing

18. Headache

- A-1 – Headache only (without prior symptoms)
- C-1 – Not alert
- C-2 – Numbness or paralysis
- C-3 – Speech or movement problems
- C-4 – Sudden onset of severe pain
- C-5 – Recent head injuries (< 24 hrs.)

19. Cardiac (Heart) Problems

- A-1 – Heart rate < 130 (without prior symptoms)
- B-1 – Unknown symptoms
- C-1 – Not alert
- C-2 – Cardiac History
- C-3 – Heart rate > 130 (without prior symptoms)
- C-4 – Cocaine / Substance Use
- D-1 – Firing of implanted defibrillator

20. Environmental Heat / Cold exposure

- A-1 – Alert (without prior symptoms)
- B-1 – Change in skin color
- B-2 – Unknown symptoms (3rd party situation)
- C-1 – Cardiac History
- D-1 – Not alert

21. Hemorrhage / lacerations

- A-1 – Not dangerous hemorrhage
- B-1 – Possibly dangerous hemorrhage
- D-1 – Dangerous hemorrhage
- D-2 – Not alert
- D-3 – Severe respiratory distress

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22. Industrial / machinery accidents

- B-1 – Unknown illness or injuries (not caught in machinery)
- D-1 – Multiple victims
- D-2 – Trapped or caught in machinery (unknown injuries)
- D-3 – Life status questionable

23. Overdose / ingestion / poisoning

- A-1 – Conscious and alert (age 1 through 11 years)
- B-1 – Conscious and alert (age < 1 or > 12 years)
- C-1 – Not alert (unable to talk)
- C-2 – Abnormal breathing
- C-3 – Antidepressants (tricyclic)
- C-4 – Cocaine / Drug Use
- C-5 – Acid or lye (alkali)
- C-6 – Violent Behavior
- D-1 – Unconscious
- D-2 – Severe respiratory distress

24. Pregnancy / childbirth / miscarriage

- A-1 – 1st trimester bleeding or miscarriage
- A-2 – Illness during pregnancy (without priority symptoms)
- B-1 – Labor (delivery not imminent 2nd/3rd trimester)
- B-2 – Unknown pregnancy problems (3rd party situation)
- C-1 – 2nd trimester bleeding or miscarriage
- D-1 – Baby born
- D-2 – Baby's head visible (crowning)
- D-3 – Imminent delivery (3rd trimester)
- D-4 – 3rd trimester bleeding
- D-5 – Breach (hand / foot) presentation

25. Psychiatric emergency/suicide attempt

- A-1 – Non-violent and non-suicidal (alert)
- B-1 – Unknown symptoms (3rd party situation)
- C-1 – Not alert
- C-2 – Violent Behavior
- C-3 – Suicidal (threatening)
- D-1 – Hanging, strangulation, or suffocation

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26. Sick person (specific diagnosis)

A-1 – No priority symptoms

A-2 – Non-priority complaints

B-1 – Unknown symptoms (3rd party situation)

C-1 – Not alert

C-2 – Cardiac history

2 Boils | 3 Bumps | 4 Can't Sleep | 5 Can't Urinate (Without Abdominal Pain) | 6

Urinary Catheter (in/out without hemorrhaging) | 7 Constipation | 8 Cramps/Spasms

(In Extremities) | 9 Cut Off Ring Request | 10 Deafness | 11 Defecation | 12 Earache | 13

Enema | 14 Gout | 15 Hemorrhoids/piles | 16 Hepatitis | 17 Hiccups | 18 Hungry | 19

Nervous | 20 Object Stuck In (Nose,Ear,Vagina,Rectum,Penis,Eye) | 21 Object Swallowed

(No Difficulty Breathing or Swallowing) | 22 Penis Problem/pain | 23 Rash/Skin

Disorder (No difficulty breathing or swallowing) | 24 Sore Throat (No difficulty

breathing or swallowing) | 25 Toothache | 26 Transportation Only | 27 Venereal

Disease (STD) | 28 Wound Infection (Focal or Surface)

27. Knife / Gunshot wound

A-1 – Non-recent single peripheral wound (> 6 hrs)

B-1 – Known single peripheral wound

B-2 – Non-recent single central wound (> 6 hrs)

B-3 – Unknown situation (3rd party)

D-1 – Central wounds

D-2 – Multiple victims

D-3 – Not alert

D-4 – Multiple wounds

28. Stroke (CVA)

A-1 – Alert and breathing normally (numbness, speech or movement problems may be present)

B-1 – Unknown situation (3rd party situation)

C-1 – Not alert

C-2 – Abnormal breathing

29. Traffic accidents

A-1 – 1st party caller without dangerous injuries

B-1 – Injuries

B-2 – Unknown situation

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D-1 – Multiple victims: *A – Aircraft | B – Bus | C – Subway/Metro | D – Railroad | E – Watercraft*

D-2 – Automobile-Pedestrian/Motorcycle/Bicycle: *A – All-Terrain Vehicle | B – Motor Vehicle vs. Bicycle/Motorcycle | C – Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian | D – Ejection from Vehicle | E – Personal Watercraft | F – Vehicle Rollover | G – Vehicle over Bridge*

D-3 – Hazardous Materials Involved

D-4 – Trapped Victim

D-5 – Ejected Victim

D-6 – Not alert

D-7 – Severe respiratory distress

30. Traumatic injuries, specific

A-1 – Not dangerous injuries

A-2 – Non-recent injuries (> 6 hrs)

B-1 – Possibly dangerous injuries

B-2 – Serious hemorrhage

D-1 – Dangerous injuries

D-2 – Severe respiratory distress D-3 – Not alert

31. Unconscious / fainting (non-traumatic)

A-1 – Single fainting episode and alert (age < 35)

A-2 – Near fainting episode and alert (age < 35)

C-1 – Single or near fainting episode and alert

C-2 – Multiple fainting episodes

C-3 – Females with abdominal pain (ages 12-50)

C-4 – Conscious with abnormal breathing

C-5 – Cardiac history

D-1 – Unconscious

D-2 – Severe respiratory distress

D-3 – Not alert

E-1 – Ineffective Breathing

32. Unknown Problem (Subject Down)

B-1 – Standing, sitting up, moving or talking

B-2 – Medical alert notifications

B-3 – Unknown situation (3rd party)

D-1 – Life status questionable

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- 33. Inter-Facility Transfer/Palliative Care
- 34. Automatic Crash Notification (A.C.N.)
- 35. HCP (Health-Care Practitioner) Referral
- 36. Flu-Like Symptoms (Possible H1N1)
- 37. Inter-Facility Transfer specific to medically-trained callers

Alpha	Non Life-Threatening	Basic Life Support	Non Emergency
Bravo	Possibly Life-Threatening	Basic Life Support	Emergency
Charlie	Life-Threatening	Advanced Life Support	Emergency
Delta	Serious Life Threat	Advanced Life Support	Emergency
Echo	Life Status Questionable	Closest Available (Multiple Resources Sent)	Emergency
Omega Ω	Public Assist Only	Basic Life Support	Non Emergency