

# SPINAL INJURIES

## UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Place patient in full spinal precautions
- Administer oxygen per Policy 580

## Full Spinal Precautions

- Establish manual spinal stabilization
- Apply properly-sized cervical collar maintaining manual c-spine stabilization
- Secure Patient to long spine board
  - Ensure adequate strapping to prevent patient movement
  - Secure head last, maintaining manual c-spine stabilization until patient's head is secured
- Monitor airway closely, be prepared to log roll patient in the event of vomiting

- Reassure/calm patient
- Assess for secondary injuries
- Obtain vital signs
- Monitor for changes in neurological status