

# SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION

## UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

## Indications

- Patients with a history of significant trauma or mechanism of injury resulting in blunt trauma, head trauma or axial spine trauma
- Trauma patients with ALOC
- Trauma patients with distracting injuries
- Trauma patients with a history of alcohol/drug impairment
- Trauma patients complaining of neck or spine pain

## Considerations

- Children injured in MVA may be immobilized and transported in their car seats provided assessment and treatment can be rendered
- If in doubt, transport patient with spinal immobilization
- Paramedic may release patient from spinal immobilization per Policy # 615