

# Scottish Ambulance Service

## Orthopaedics Trauma Triage Tool >15 Years

- Apply Scottish Trauma Network Trauma Triage Tool in first instance
- For patients suitable for 'STEP 4 - LOCAL Emergency Hospital management'
- If in doubt, please contact the SAS Trauma Desk

### Transport to Local Emergency Department

- Neck injury with no obvious *neurological* deficit
- Fall – leg not shortened or rotated
- Sprains / strains / soft tissue Injuries
- Back pain without significant mechanism or clinical evidence of neurological deficit

### Transport to Trauma Unit

- ANY fractured limb with a neurovascular deficit
- ANY fractured *long bone/limb* with obvious significant deformity (excluding isolated humerus)
- ANY compound / open fracture (excluding digits)
- Spinal injuries (including C spine) with possible neurological deficit
- High suspicion of NOF fracture with shortened / rotated leg
- ANY trauma patient with signs suggestive of compartment syndrome
- Suspected Femoral shaft fractures
- Suspected Dislocated hip (including total hip replacements)

All decisions are subject to the crew at the scene