

# INFORMATION FOR FIRST AID JUDGES



**ONTARIO MINE RESCUE**  
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The following is a guide to assist you when judging Standard level First Aid for a Mine Rescue Team. *All demerits must be fully explained and legible or they will be removed by the chief judge.*

Pulse and breathing rates/characteristic are as found unless indicated otherwise by a judge. Rate and characteristic for both must be recorded on the casualty card.

Examination gloves are required only for initial physical contact or if bodily fluids are present.

Treatment for shock is a blanket covering the casualty. Elevation is not required.

Casualty cards are not required for uninjured persons.

Treatment demerits will not be applied if the injury is not found.

## Primary Survey

	Unconscious casualty	Conscious casualty
<b>Circulation</b>	Pulse Check	Verbal Response
<b>Airway</b>	Position airway, look for obstruction	Verbal Response
<b>Breathing</b>	Look, listen, and feel (3-5 seconds)	Verbal Response
<b>Circulation</b>	Rapid Body Survey for gross bleeds & life threatening injuries	Head to toe check (visually)

## Secondary Survey – Unconscious Casualty

Pulse & breathing rate/characteristic.

Head-to-toe physical examination for life threatening injuries.

## Secondary Survey – Conscious Casualty

SAMPLE

Pulse & breathing and physical examination are required only if SAMPLE or the mechanism of injury indicates they are necessary.

## Applying First Aid Demerits

- No demerit will be applied if the team completes the required step in an acceptable manner.
- The full demerit value (number in brackets) will be applied if the required step is not completed. Half of the full demerit value may be applied if the required step is completed, but improvement is required. The demerit must be explained or it will be removed.

## Rough Handling

There will be a maximum of 5 demerits per incident and no more than 10 per casualty. Discretion must be used when issuing demerits for rough handling. (Example: 5 demerits would be issued only when a

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team has done the worst thing possible to the casualty and from there the demerits must come down accordingly) Any rough handling demerits must be written clearly and approved by the Chief Judge.

## Load and Go Injuries

### Definition:

Load and go means dealing with any life threatening injuries, then loading and transporting the casualty immediately with no secondary survey (other than a pulse and respiration count) or treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

### Load And Go Does Not Mean Do NOTHING!

Attempt to treat or correct the life threatening problems  
Load and go should be initiated as soon as possible  
Document all actions including the decision to initiate load and go on casualty card

### Examples Of Load And Go Situations (this list is not all-inclusive)

Any airway problem in which there is a risk of loss of the airway

Cardiorespiratory arrest or chest pain

Severe chest injury (blunt or penetrating)

Any head injury no matter the level of consciousness

Anaphylaxis

Abdominal evisceration

Major fractures

Fractured femur or pelvis

Uncontrolled hemorrhage

Partial or complete loss of a limb

Critical burns

Spinal injuries

Deteriorating vital signs

\*Unconsciousness

\*Additional requirement: head-to-toe exam to attempt to identify the presence of life threatening injuries.