

CATEGORIZING INJURIES FOR THE STATE COLLISION FORM

The acronym used to describe injury levels nationally is KABCO

K	Killed	Died at the scene or within 30 days of the collision.
A	Injury Level A	Suspected Serious Injury/Incapacitating.
B	Injury Level B	Suspected Minor Injury/ Non-Incapacitating
C	Injury Level C	Possible Injury.
O	No injury.	

Did the injured person have?

- Severe gaping wounds with tissue or muscle exposed
- Broken or distorted arm or leg
- Crushing type injuries
- Severe skull, chest and abdominal injury other than bruises and minor lacerations
- 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 10% or more of the body
- Unconscious when leaving the scene
- Paralysis

If **YES** then categorize the injury as Suspected Serious Injury/Incapacitating (A)

If **NO** did the injured person have?

- Swelling on the head
- Major abrasions
- Visible bruising
- Cuts on the skin surface with NO exposed tissue

If **YES** then categorize the injury as Suspected Minor Injury/Non-Incapacitating (B)

If **NO** then then categorize the injury as Possible Injury (C)

We are asking a law enforcement officer to make a medical evaluation. What we may consider is serious is not considered the same by physicians, nurses and paramedics.

If unknown naturally go to the lower category on the injury scale. This should be the condition of the person at the conclusion of the investigation. If they leave the scene but are later treated and released the conclusion of their status should be made then, before the collision is transmitted.