

Fall from stepladder. Fracture to left arm, possible fracture left leg, laceration over left eye

Scenario	You are walking through the plant. You round a corner and find a co-worker motionless on the ground next to a fallen (tall) step ladder and scattered tools. Blood evident on face and left pants leg. Appears unconscious - he is not moving or making sounds.	
Equipment	BSI Equipment Run Sheet O ₂ Tank w/Liter flow regulator Bag Valve Mask Suction – Hard/soft catheters	Stethoscope Non Rebreather Mask BP Cuff Backboard –CID Blocks Scoop Stretcher

Your Actions		Findings - UnConscious
Scene Size-up:	• Scene Safety	Check overhead for loose equipment/scaffolding; check for tripping hazards, electrical wires, energized tools, spilled chemicals, confined space, ...
	• BSI	Minimum of gloves
	• Mechanism of Injury/Illness	Significant – Fall of approximately 10 feet – cause unknown
	• Additional Resources (beyond normal response)	No - patient accessible and normal size
	• Number of patients	1
	• Advanced care required	YES (LOC, MOI)
Initial Assessment	• General Impression/Chief Complaint	Poor - Adult Patient, not moving, possible significant trauma
	• Assess Mental Status (AVPU) (PPT)	Unresponsive No response to verbal/painful stimuli
	• Assess airway	Patient “snoring”, “Gurgling” Stabilize head Open Airway - Use Jaw Thrust, oral airway Suction
	• Assess breathing/interventions	Breathing at rate of approx 6 breaths/min. Begin rescue breathing with BVM w/O ₂ and airway Switch to assist with high flow and non-rebreather mask when adequate.
	• Assess circulation	Check Pulse – Yes (Breathing so has pulse) Check Major bleeding – None Obvious, minor laceration to forehead, minor laceration to left leg Skin Temperature/Color/Condition – warm/dry (normal)
	• Determine priority	HIGH – Unconscious

Trauma Patient Focused History / Physical Exam Significant Mechanism of Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconsider the MOI 	Significant - Possible fall from Ladder (Resulting from electrical shock?)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue spine stabilization 	Stabilize head		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider ALS 	YES – unconscious		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconsider your transport decision/Priority 	Still High Priority		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassess mental status 	Improving - Response to painful stimuli (grimace/moan)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform Rapid trauma physical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head: Laceration on left side of forehead • Neck: nothing found Apply Collar • Chest: lungs clear, normal breathing • Abdomen: Normal • Pelvis: Normal • Extremities: Left forearm-grimace on palpation. Laceration/swelling/pain left lower leg • Posterior: Nothing Found 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain Baseline Vitals BP, Pulse, Respr, Pupil, Skin 	B/P: 130/90 Pulse: 100 Resp: 14	Pupils: PEARL Skin: Warm and dry (normal)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Load/Prepare for Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backboard - CID/Straps – logroll onto board 		
From Others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a SAMPLE history 	Signs and Symptoms: Unc/unresp Allergies: Unkn. Medications: Unkn. Pertinent Past history: Diabetic No recent illness or injury known Last Oral Intake: Lunch about 1 hr ago Events leading up to injury or illness: After lunch went to change light bulbs			
Detailed Physical Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat Initial Assessment 	Improved LOC - responsive to verbal		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete All Critical Interventions, others as time permits 	Oral Airway removed (gagging), Dressing/Bandages/Splinting applied		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-Do Hands On Assessment 	No new findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head • Neck • Chest/lungs • Abdomen • Pelvis • Extremities • Posterior as possible 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-assess Vitals BP, Pulse, Respr, Pupil, Skin 	B/P: 126/88 Pulse: 96 Resp: 14	Pupils: PEARL Skin: Warm and dry (normal)	
Ongoing Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat Initial assessment 	No New Findings – Interventions in place		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassess Vitals 	No significant change		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat Physical Assessment 	No New Findings		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Interventions 	O ₂ -OK, Airway-OK, Splinting-OK, check CID/Straps		