

## Red Flag Criteria

In all situations the red flag criteria must be considered and where it is met this must take priority. All partner agencies accept that a person's health and wellbeing must take precedence and all medical concerns must be negated.

RED FLAG CRITERIA	
Triggers for conditions requiring treatment or assessment in an Emergency Department	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dangerous Mechanisms</b></p> <p>Blows to the body Falls (over 4 feet) Injury from edged weapons or projectiles Strangulation/hanging Involved in road traffic collision Current presentation of drug ingestion or overdose Electrocution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Serious Physical Injuries</b></p> <p>Noisy breathing Burns Uncontrollable bleeding /<b>blood loss greater than a mug full of blood</b> from a wound or a body cavity Deep tissue injury Altered level of consciousness Head injuries:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of consciousness at any time</li> <li>• Facial swelling</li> <li>• Bleeding from nose or ears</li> <li>• Deep cuts</li> <li>• Suspected broken bones</li> <li>• Visual Disturbance</li> <li>• Confusion following a head injury</li> <li>• Vomiting following a head injury</li> </ul> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Self Harm</b></p> <p>Injury caused by head banging Use of edged weapon to cause injury Ligatures Believed possible overdose or poisoning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Possible Excited Delirium</b></p> <p>Two or more from:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serious physical resistance / abnormal strength</li> <li>• High body temperature</li> <li>• Removal of clothing</li> <li>• Profuse sweating or hot skin</li> <li>• <b>Significant confusion and/or disorientation,</b></li> <li>• Bizarre behaviour</li> </ul> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conveyance to the nearest Emergency Department</b></p> <p>Conveyance should <b>NOT</b> be undertaken in a police vehicle <b>UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES</b> where a RED FLAG trigger is involved. Police will assist Medical/Ambulance staff during transportation.</p> <p>Police must remain in ED until the person is medically fit for discharge from department</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Police to outline to ED the <b>legal</b> aspects; it is the responsibility of the Ambulance Service to outline the <u>medical</u> aspects.</p>	