



EMT-basic Treatment Protocol 6508

Burns – Electrical/Lightning

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When assessing electrical or lightning injuries, it is important to establish if loss of consciousness occurred, the locations of entry and/or exit wounds, and the potential for c-spine injury. Commonly occurring with electrical injuries are long bone fractures, cardiac dysrhythmias, and neurological deficits. **Victims of lightning strikes may be in cardiac arrest, but frequently can be resuscitated quickly after assisted ventilations.**

- A. Insure patient is not in contact with electrical source. Do not become a patient.
- B. Perform **TAMP Protocol 6101**.
- C. Cover wounds with clean dressings as required.
- D. Treat associated conditions per appropriate protocols.

- E. In **consultation with Medical Command**, establish mode (ground vs. air) and destination of transport, including consideration of transport to burn center.



- F. Transport.