

## FIRST AID PRIMARY SURVEY

	INITIAL CALL	RESPONSE	UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS		
	SCENE	SAFE	HISTORY	MECHANISM	IMPRESSION
<b>A</b>	<b>AIRWAY</b>	OPEN	SOLVE	CLEARED	PROTECT C-SPINE
	<b>C-SPINE</b>	IMMOBILIZED	EFFECTIVE		
<b>B</b>	<b>BREATHING</b>	FAST/SLOW	EASE/DEPTH		EXPOSE CHEST/BACK
<b>C</b>	<b>CIRCULATION</b>	FAST/SLOW	BLEEDING	CAP. REFILL	EXPOSE/CHECK ABDOMEN
<b>D</b>	<b>DISABILITY</b>	L.O.C.	Motor& Sensory X 4	PUPILS	
<b>E</b>	<b>EXPOSE &amp; EXAMINE</b>				
	STATUS DECISION	C.U.P.S. (see over)		MUST BE MADE IN 10 MINS	

Source: Civil Defence 2005

### **Status Decision – C.U.P.S.**

#### **CRITICAL**

- RESPIRATORY ARREST – CARDIAC ARREST

#### **UNSTABLE**

- AIRWAY UNOPENED – SUSTAINED,  
- BREATHING DIFFICULTIES, - SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES,  
- CHEST INJURIES, - UNCONTROLLED BLEEDING WITH SIGNS OF SHOCK,  
- CRUSHING CHEST PAIN.

#### **PPOTENTIALLY UNSTABLE**

- REQUIRING SECONDARY SURVEY,  
- COMPENSATED SHOCK MECHANISM OF INJURY SUGGESTS HIDDEN COMPLICATIONS, - INJURY TO EXTREMITIES WITH NERVE, CIRCULATOR DAMAGE.

#### **STABLE**

- MINOR ASSOCIATED INJURIES WITHOUT, - MAJOR BLOOD LOSS, NERV DAMAGE, CIRCULATORY DAMAGE, SHOCK OR COMPLICATIONS

### **Key questions – medical conditions.**

**ALLERGIES,**

**MEDICATION,**

**PREVIOUS HISTORY,**

**LAST ORAL INTAKE,**

**EVENTS PRIOR TO CONDITION**