

Davidson County Emergency Medical Dispatch - Nature Codes and Determinants

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1-Abdominal Pain/Problems

- 1-A-1 Abdominal Pain
- 1-C-1 Suspected aortic aneurysm ≥ 50
- 1-C-2 Known aortic aneurysm
- 1-C-3 Fainting or near fainting ≥ 50
- 1-C-4 Females with fainting or near fainting 12-50
- 1-C-5 Males with pain above navel ≥ 35
- 1-C-6 Females with pain above navel ≥ 45
- 1-D-1 Not alert

2-Allergies/Envenomations

- 2-A-1 No difficulty breathing or swallowing
- 2-A-2 Spider bite
- 2-B-1 Unknown status (3rd party)
- 2-C-1 Difficulty breathing or swallowing
- 2-C-2 Hx of severe allergic reaction
- 2-D-1 Not alert
- 2-D-2 Difficulty speaking between breaths
- 2-D-3 Swarming attack
- 2-D-4 Snakebite
- 2-E-1 Ineffective breathing

3-Animal Bites/Attacks

- 3-A-1 Not dangerous body area
- 3-A-2 Non-recent ≥ 6 hrs
- 3-A-3 Superficial bite
- 3-B-1 Possibly dangerous area
- 3-B-2 Serious Hemmorage
- 3-B-3 Unknown status (3rd party)
- 3-D-1 Unconciuous or Arrest
- 3-D-2 Not alert
- 3-D-3 Chest or neck injury (w/ difficulty breathing)
- 3-D-4 Dangerous body area
- 3-D-5 Lage Animal
- 3-D-6 Exotic Animal
- 3-D-7 Attack or multiple animals

4-Assault/Sexual Assault

- 4-A-1 Not dangerous body area
- 4-A-2 Non-Recent ≥ 6 hrs
- 4-B-1 Possibly Dangerous area
- 4-B-2 Serious hemmorrhage
- 4-B-3 Unknown status (3rd party)
- 4-D-1 Unconscious or arrest
- 4-D-2 Not alert
- 4-D-3 Chest or neck injury (w/difficulty breathing)
- 4-D-4 Multiple victims

5-Back Pain

- 5-A-1 Non-Traumatic
- 5-A-2 Non-Recent ≥ 6 hrs
- 5-C-1 Suspected aortic aneurysm ≥ 50
- 5-C-2 Known aortic aneurysm
- 5-C-3 Fainting or near fainting ≥ 50
- 5-D-1 Not alert

6-Breathing Problems

- 6-A-1 Abnormal breathing
- 6-D-1 Not alert
- 6-D-2 Difficulty speaking between breaths
- 6-D-3 Changing color
- 6-D-4 Clammy

7-Burns/Explosions

- 7-A-1 Burns $\leq 18\%$ body area
- 7-A-2 Fire Alarm
- 7-A-3 Sunburn or Minor burns
- 7-B-1 Blasy injuries (without priorty symptoms)
- 7-B-2 Unknown status (3rd party)
- 7-C-1 Building fire with person reported inside
- 7-C-2 Difficulty breathing
- 7-C-3 Burns $\geq 18\%$ body area
- 7-C-4 Significant facial burns
- 7-D-1 Multiple victims
- 7-D-2 Unconscious or Arrest
- 7-D-3 Not alert
- 7-D-4 Difficulty speaking between breaths
- 7-E-1 Person on fire

8-Carbon monoxide/inhalation/hazmat/CBRN

- 8-B-1 Alert without difficulty breathing
- 8-C-1 Alert with difficulty breathing
- 8-D-1 Unconscious or Arrest
- 8-D-2 Not alert
- 8-D-3 Difficulty speaking between breaths
- 8-D-4 Multiple victims
- 8-D-5 Unknown status (3rd party)

9-Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest/Death

- 9-B-1 Obvious Death
- 9-D-1 Ineffective breathing
- 9-D-2 Obvious Death or Expected Death
- 9-E-1 Not breathing at all
- 9-E-2 Breathing uncertain
- 9-E-3 Hanging
- 9-E-4 Strangulation
- 9-E-5 Suffocation
- 9-E-6 Underwater

10-Chest Pain

- 10-A-1 Breathing normally < 35
- 10-C-1 Abnormal breathing
- 10-C-2 Heart attack or angina history
- 10-C-3 Cocaine
- 10-C-4 Breathing normally ≥ 35
- 10-D-1 Not alert
- 10-D-2 Difficulty speaking between breaths
- 10-D-3 Changing color
- 10-D-4 Clammy

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11-Choking

11-A-1 Not choking now
11-D-1 Abnormal breathing/partial obstruction
11-D-2 Not alert
11-E-1 Complete obstruction/ineffective breathing

12-Convulsions/Seizures

12-A-1 Not seizing now & effective breathing verified (known seizure dis)
12-A-2 Not seizing now & effective breathing verified (unk seizure dis)
12-A-3 Not seizing now & effective breathing verified (≤ 6 no seizure dis)
12-B-1 Effective breathing not verified < 35
12-C-1 Focal seizure (not alert)
12-C-2 Pregnancy
12-C-3 Diabetic
12-C-4 Not seizing now & effective breathing verified (>6 no seizure dis)
12-C-5 History of stroke or brain tumor
12-C-6 Overdose/poisoning
12-C-7 Atypical seizure
12-D-1 Not breathing
12-D-2 Continuous or multiple seizures
12-D-3 Agonal/Ineffective breathing
12-D-4 Effective breathing not verified ≥ 35

13-Diabetic Problems

13-A-1 Alert and behaving normally
13-C-1 Not alert
13-C-2 Abnormal behavior
13-C-3 Abnormal breathing
13-D-1 Unconscious

14-Drowning/Diving/Scuba Accident

14-A-1 Alert & breathing normally (no injuries & out of water)
14-B-1 Alert & breathing normally (injuries or in water)
14-B-2 Unknown status (3rd party)
14-C-1 Alert with abnormal breathing
14-D-1 Unconscious or arrest
14-D-2 Not alert
14-D-3 Diving or suspected neck injury
14-D-4 Scuba accident

15-Electrocution/Lightning

15-C-1 Alert and breathing normally
15-D-1 Unconscious
15-D-2 Not disconnected from power
15-D-3 Power not off or hazard present
15-D-4 Extreme fall ≥ 30 ft
15-D-5 Long fall
15-D-6 Not alert
15-D-7 Abnormal breathing
15-D-8 Unknown status (3rd party)
15-E-1 Not breathing/Ineffective breathing

16-Eye Problems/Injuries

16-A-1 Moderate eye injuries
16-A-2 minor eye injuries
16-A-3 medical eye problems
16-B-1 severe eye injuries
16-D-1 Not alert

17-Falls

17-A-1 Not Dangerous body area
17-A-2 Non recent (≥ 6 hrs) without priority symp
17-A-3 Public Assist (no injuries or priority symp)
17-B-1 Possibly dangerous area
17-B-2 Serious hemorrhage
17-B-3 Unknown status (3rd party)
17-D-1 Extreme Fall (≥ 30 ft)
17-D-2 Unconscious or Arrest
17-D-3 Not alert
17-D-4 Chest or neck injury (w/difficulty breathing)
17-D-5 Long Fall

18-Headache

18-A-1 Breathing normally
18-B-1 Unknown status (3rd party)
18-C-1 Not alert
18-C-2 Abnormal breathing
18-C-3 Speech problems
18-C-4 Sudden onset of severe pain
18-C-5 Numbness
18-C-6 Paralysis
18-C-7 Change in behavior ≤ 3 hrs

19-Heart Problems/AICD

19-A-1 Heart rate ≥ 50 bpm & < 130 bpm
19-A-2 Chest Pain < 35
19-C-1 Firing of AICD
19-C-2 Abnormal Breathing
19-C-3 Chest pain ≥ 35
19-C-4 Cardiac history
19-C-5 Cocaine
19-C-6 Heart rate < 50 bpm or ≥ 130 bpm
19-C-7 Unknown status (3rd party)
19-D-1 Not alert
19-D-2 Difficulty breathing between breaths
19-D-3 Changing color
19-D-4 Clammy
19-D-5 Just resuscitated and/or defibrillated

20-Heat/Cold Exposure

20-A-1 Alert
20-B-1 Change in skin color
20-B-2 Unknown status (3rd party)
20-C-1 Heart attack or angina history
20-D-1 Not alert
20-D-2 Multiple victims

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21-Hemorrhage/Lacerations

21-A-1 Not Dangerous hemorrhage
21-A-2 Minor hemorrhage
21-B-1 Possibly dangerous hemorrhage
21-B-2 Serious hemorrhage
21-B-3 Bleeding disorder
21-B-4 Blood thinners
21-C-1 Hemorrhage through tubes
21-C-2 Hemorrhage of dialysis fistula
21-D-1 Unconscious or arrest
21-D-2 Not alert
21-D-3 Dangerous hemorrhage
21-D-4 Abnormal breathing

22-Inaccessible Incident/Other entrapments

22-A-1 No longer trapped (no injuries)
22-B-1 No longer trapped (unknown injuries)
22-B-2 Peripheral Entrapment only
22-B-3 Unknown status (3rd party)
22-D-1 Mechanical/Machinery Entrapment
22-D-2 Trench collapse
22-D-3 Structure collapse
22-D-4 Confined space entrapment
22-D-5 Inaccessible terrain situation
22-D-6 Mudslide/Avalanche

23-Overdose/Poisoning

23-B-1 Overdose (without priority symptoms)
23-C-1 Not alert
23-C-2 Abnormal breathing
23-C-3 Antidepressants
23-C-4 Cocaine, methamphetamine
23-C-5 Narcotics
23-C-6 Acid or alkali
23-C-7 Unknown status (3rd party)
23-C-8 Poison control request for response
23-D-1 Unconscious
23-D-2 Changing color

24-Pregnancy/Childbirth/Miscarriage

24-A-1 1st trimester hemorrhage or miscarriage
24-B-1 Labor (delivery not imminent ≥ 5 mths/20wks)
24-B-2 Unknown status (3rd party)
24-C-1 2nd trimester hemorrhage or miscarriage
24-C-2 1st trimester serious hemorrhage
24-C-3 Baby born (no complications)
24-D-1 Breech or cord
24-D-2 Head visible/out
24-D-3 Imminent delivery (≥ 5 mths/20 wks)
24-D-4 3rd trimester hemorrhage
24-D-5 High risk complications
24-D-6 Baby born (complications with baby)
24-D-7 Baby born (complications with mother)

25-Psychiatric/Abnormal Behavior/Suicide attempt

25-A-1 Non-suicidal and alert
25-A-2 Suicidal (not threatening) and alert
25-B-1 Serious hemorrhage
25-B-2 Non-serious or minor hemorrhage
25-B-3 Threatening suicide
25-B-4 Jumper (threatening)
25-B-5 Near hanging, strangulation or suffocation (alert)
25-B-6 Unknown status (3rd party)
25-D-1 Not alert
25-D-2 Dangerous hemorrhage

26-Sick Person

26-A-1 No priority symptoms
26-A-2 Non-priority complaints
26-B-1 Unknown status (3rd party)
26-C-1 Altered level of consciousness
26-C-2 Abnormal breathing
26-C-3 Sickle cell crisis/Thalassemia
26-D-1 Not alert

27-Stab/Gunshot/Penetrating Trauma

27-A-1 Non-recent (≥ 6 hrs) peripheral wounds
27-B-1 Non-recent (≥ 6 hrs) single central wound
27-B-2 Known single peripheral wound
27-B-3 Serious hemorrhage
27-B-4 Unknown Status (3rd party)
27-B-5 Obvious death
27-D-1 Unconscious or Arrest
27-D-2 Not alert
27-D-3 Central wounds
27-D-4 Multiple wounds
27-D-5 Multiple Victims

28-Stroke/Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)

28-A-1 Breathing normally < 35
28-C-1 Not alert
28-C-2 Abnormal breathing
28-C-3 Sudden speech problems
28-C-4 Sudden weakness or numbness
28-C-5 Sudden paralysis or facial droop
28-C-6 Sudden loss of balance or coordination
28-C-7 Sudden vision problems
28-C-8 Sudden onset of severe headache
28-C-9 Stroke History
28-C-10 TIA history
28-C-11 Breathing normally ≥ 35
28-C-12 Unknown Status (3rd party)

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29-Traffic/Transportation Incidents

29-A-1 1st party caller w/ injury to Not dangerous body area
29-B-1 Injuries
29-B-2 Serious hemorrhage
29-B-3 Other hazards
29-B-4 Unknown status (3rd party)
29-D-1 Major incident
29-D-2 High mechanism
29-D-3 Hazmat
29-D-4 Pinned (trapped) victim
29-D-5 Not alert

30-Traumatic Injuries

30-A-1 Not Dangerous body area
30-A-2 Non-Recent (≥ 6 hrs) injuries
30-B-1 Possibly dangerous body area
30-B-2 Serious Hemorrhage
30-D-1 Unconscious or arrest
30-D-2 Not alert
30-D-3 Chest or neck injury

31-Unconscious/Fainting

31-A-1 Fainting episode and alert ≥ 35 w/out cardiac hx
31-A-2 Fainting episode and alert < 35 (with cardiac hx)
31-A-3 Fainting episode and alert < 35 (w/out cardiac hx)
31-C-1 Alert with abnormal breathing
31-C-2 Fainting episode and alert ≥ 35 (w/cardiac hx)
31-C-3 Females 12-50 with abdominal pain
31-D-1 Unconscious-Agonal/Ineffective breathing
31-D-2 Unconscious - Effective breathing
31-D-3 Not alert
31-D-4 Changing Color
31-E-1 Ineffective breathing

32-Unknown Problem/Man Down

32-B-1 Standing, sitting, moving or talking
32-B-2 Medical alarm
32-B-3 Unknown status (3rd party)
32-B-4 Callers language not understood
32-D-1 Life Status Questionable

33-Transfer/Interfacility/Palliative Care

33-A-1 Acuity I (no priority symptoms)
33-A-2 Acuity II (no priority symptoms)
33-A-3 Acuity III (no priority symptoms)
33-C-1 Not alert
33-C-2 Abnormal breathing
33-C-3 Significant hemorrhage or shock
33-C-4 Possible acute heart problems or MI
33-C-5 Acute Severe pain
33-C-6 Emergency Response requested
33-D-1 Suspected cardiac or respiratory arrest
33-D-2 Just resuscitated and/or defibrillated