

## FAD Casualty Assessment Checklist

### Physical examination method

- minimal movement of the patient
- head to toe sequence
- compare both sides of the casualty's body

### Assess and record

- history
- responsiveness – sight, speech
- symptoms – information from the casualty
- head
  - skull – swelling, indentation
  - face – colour, skin, temperature, breathing
  - eyes – pupil size, response to light
  - ears – hearing, blood, fluid
  - nose – appearance, blood, fluid
  - mouth – breathing, odour, wounds, irregularity, discolouration
- neck – loosen clothing, warning medallions, vertebrae, tenderness, bruising
- trunk – chest movement, symmetrical collar bones and ribs, wounds, tenderness, incontinence
- back and spine – vertebrae, swelling, tenderness
- upper limbs – check movement, bruising, swelling, deformity, warning bracelet, feeling
- lower limbs - check movement, bruising, swelling, deformity, feeling
- feet – movement, feeling, colour, deformity

Casualty name

Date

Time

**History** - description of incident

**Responsiveness** sight, speech

**Symptoms** - information from casualty

**Head** Skull – swelling, indentation; Face – colour, skin, temperature, breathing; Eyes – pupil size, response to light  
Ears – hearing, blood, fluid; nose – appearance, blood, fluid; Mouth – breathing, odour, wounds, irregularity, discolouration

**Neck** – loosen clothing, warning medallions, vertebrae, tenderness, bruising

**Trunk** – chest movement, symmetrical collar bones and ribs, wounds, tenderness, incontinence

**Back & spine** – vertebrae, swelling, tenderness

**Upper limbs** – check movement, bruising, swelling, deformity, warning bracelet, feeling

**Lower limbs** - check movement, bruising, swelling, deformity, feeling

**Feet** - movement, feeling, colour, deformity

**Changes** - record time & change