

NSW POLICE FORCE CRASH INVESTIGATION INJURY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

Timely attendance of Police Crash Investigators to serious motor vehicle collisions is vital to police investigation and the efficient clearing of major on-road incidents. Emergency Department (ED) clinical staff have a key role to play in the Crash Investigation Unit's (CIU) decision to close a road and commence investigation, specifically if there are fatalities or patients with serious injury. This flowchart describes the process for the INITIAL discussion between CIU & senior medical or nursing staff in NSW EDs to indicate seriousness of injuries. It does not replace the ongoing investigation activities of NSW Police. The NSW Health Privacy Manual for Health Information supports ED staff providing this information to the CIU.

Motor Vehicle Collision Occurs.

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Local Police attend and will obtain information from NSW Ambulance as to initial assessment of injury and destination of any patients transported by Ambulance.

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Local Police will contact Crash Investigation Unit (CIU) either directly or via the Duty Operations Inspector, Police Radio Operations Group.

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CIU will assess information available at scene, witnesses and ambulance personnel as to manner of driving and injury severity.

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If manner of driving reaches sufficient level of criminality but injury severity is uncertain, police will contact the ED delegated senior medical/nursing staff at the Hospital where the patient/s have been transported.

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CIU officer will identify themselves, by Name, Rank and Command to the ED delegated senior medical/nursing staff and provide them with contact information for the Duty Operations Inspector, Police Radio Operations Group or their delegate.

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The ED delegated senior medical/nursing staff will contact the Duty Operations Inspector, Police Radio Operations Group to confirm the identity of the CIU Officer and be transferred to that officer.

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CIU officer and ED delegated senior medical/nursing staff will discuss issues directly relating to the patients injuries so that CIU can determine what resources may be deployed to resolve the criminal investigation of collision.

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