



DRAFT Critical Incident Protocol

Purpose

To provide any easy to remember framework to support the active First Aider(s) where the life of the casualty is at risk, or appears to be.

The rationale here is to offer a very few, easily memorable steps to take overall charge of the situation and support the 1st Aider(s) allowing them to concentrate on the casualty.

When running, especially with Striders it is often the case that we benefit from numbers. No time for gawping – use them.

Life threatening

No pulse or breathing
Massive blood loss
Fitting
Stroke

Actions

Open Outcry

Call LOUD for medics – it might well be the case when numbers are large that experienced medics are close to hand but unaware of the problem

Get the professionals

Get at least 2 people to **Dial 999** – note that smartphones can almost invariably be used without unlocking, get familiar with your own phone emergency mode. Damp fingers, poor light and urgency can make it very hard to unlock a phone and you don't need to.

Feed the first aider(s)

Defibrillator, send fast runners to multiple locations if possible. Procure clothes shears to strip chest, should be in defibrillator kit but also in Striders 1st Aid kits

In the case of massive blood loss provide the 1st Aider(s) with 1st aid kits, running shirts or whatever to stuff the wound or make a tourniquet, procure a stiff stick or large screwdriver to tighten a tourniquet.

Procure Towels or blankets from nearby houses

In the case of fits, the time, duration and frequency is important information that will help the professionals.

Protect the scene

Use 'spare' people to marshal traffic etc, Ask passing drivers to block the road with their cars if required.