LANDING ZONE BRIEF
The following is an example of a LZ brief:

Airlift, this is ___________ (LZ command).

The landing zone is a ___________ (roadway, school, parking lot, field),
surrounded by ___________ (street trees, buildings, fences),
approximately ___________ (dimensions),
marked by ___________ (strobes, lights, flares, cones).

Obstacles and hazards in the area are ___________ (wires, light standards, radio towers, fences)
to the ___________ (note in each compass direction).

Surface winds are ___________ (calm, light, variable, strong, gusting)
in ___________ (compass direction).

Clearest path of approach is from the ___________ (direction).

PATIENT CONSIDERATIONS

• Notify if Hazardous materials involved
• Patients cannot exceed 26” at widest point
• Notify communication center of planned destination hospital
• If the patient is heavy (250+ lbs.) the crew may ask for your assistance with moving/loading the patient. The crew will brief you on stretcher operations and potential hazards

SELECT GROUND CONTACT
(If not known at time of call, LZ command will be used)

• Airlift Northwest has a number of primary radio frequencies/talk groups we can use to communicate with personnel on the ground
• Should one of the primary frequencies not work due to radio traffic or availability we can also utilize State Ops 1 or State Ops 4

24-Hour Communications Center:
206.329.2569 or 800.426.2430

For more information, please visit airliftnw.org/LZ
TRAUMA GUIDELINES (Anatomic Criteria)

- Fractures and deep penetrating wounds to an extremity complicated by neurovascular or compartment injury
- Head, spinal cord or column injuries
- Traumatic amputation of an extremity with potential for replantation
- Significant penetrating wounds to the head, neck, thorax, abdomen or pelvis
- Scalping or degloving injury
- Burns >15% TBSA, or burns that may compromise respiration or involving hands
- Unstable or potentially unstable airway (potential for rapid sequence intubation or surgical airway)
- Obstetrical emergencies including delivery complications, bleeding complications or delivery of a pre-term infant

NON TRAUMA GUIDELINES

- Near drowning with any history of loss of consciousness, unstable vital signs or respiratory problems
- Status epilepticus
- Severe electrolyte imbalances/metabolic disturbances
- Potentially life-threatening ingestion of, or exposure to, a toxic substance
- Potentially life-threatening infections, including sepsis

ACTIVATE US EARLY!

Call us as soon as possible for the most rapid response

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