

# Post Fall Emergency Response Algorithm

**Fall witnessed**

**Patient found on the floor**

- **DO NOT MOVE THE PATIENT** until you have checked:
  - Responsiveness (AVPU)
  - Airway
  - Breathing
  - Circulation
- Shout for help
- Check and remove obvious hazards e.g. dislodged cannulae, fallen equipment
- STOP nasogastric feed

**Is serious head injury or spinal injury suspected?**

**YES**

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE PATIENT**  
Dial 2222 immediately and ask for the  
MEDICAL EMERGENCY TEAM

**Commence Head Injury Pathway**

**NO**

**Possible lower limb fracture or less significant head injury**

**Hoist or assist to stand**

**NO**

**YES**

**Urgent medical attention required**  
Contact doctor/nurse clinician  
Patient flow coordinators, porters

**Commence Head Injury Pathway**

Refer to post fall recovery algorithm  
Use spinal board and HoverJack®  
to lift the patient

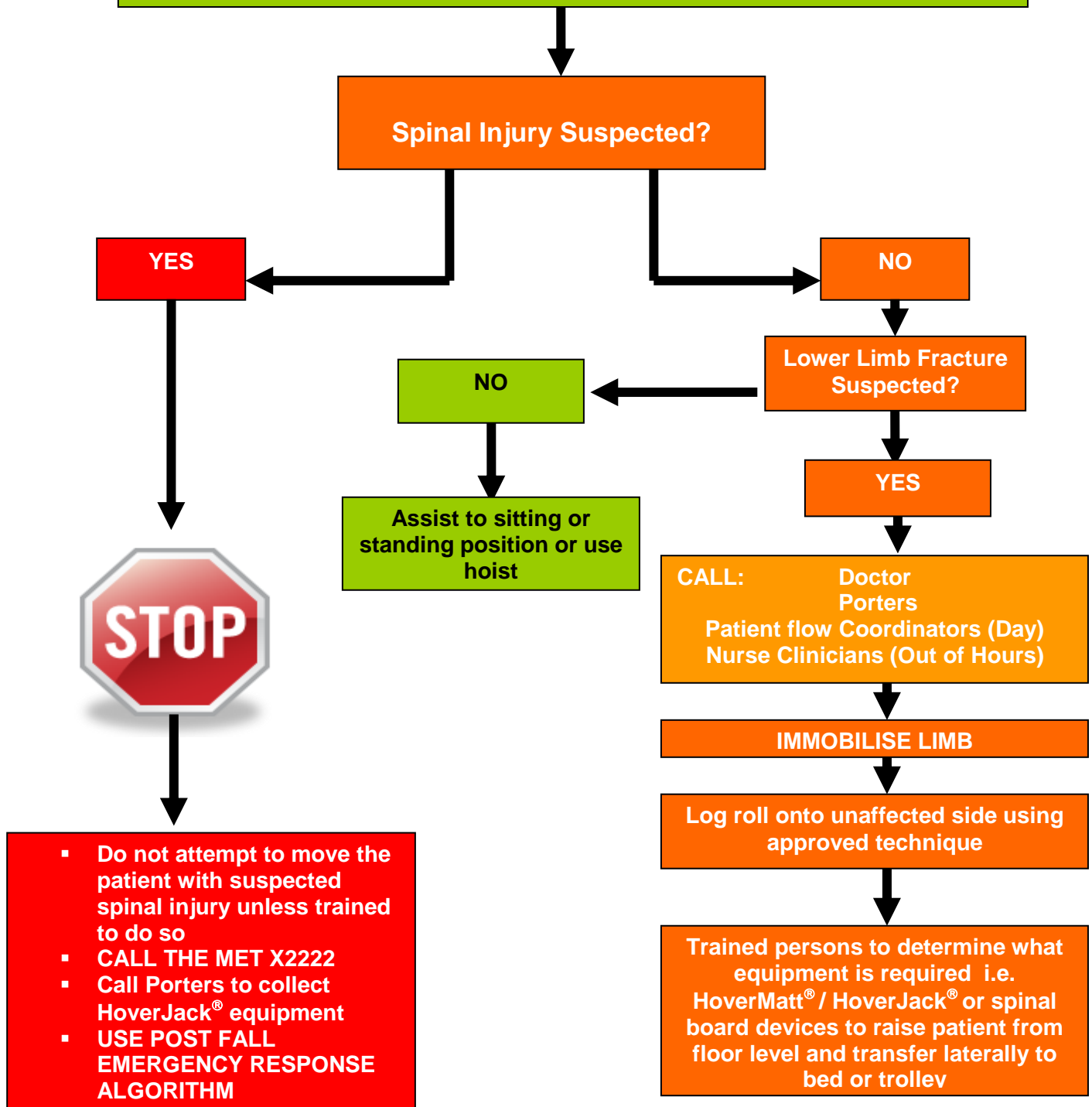
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- Complete incident form
- Complete post-fall assessment care plan

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## Post Fall Recovery From Floor Algorithm



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