

ICD-10-CM External Cause Code/Trauma Type Assignment Logic

1. Motor Vehicle injuries assigned to BLUNT
2. Bites assigned to PENETRATING
3. Stings/venom/toxic effects assigned to NA
4. Cut/pierce assigned to PENETRATING
5. Drownings/submersions assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
6. Falls assigned to BLUNT
7. Fire/burn/flame assigned to BURN
8. Hot object/substance assigned to BURN
9. Machinery assigned to BLUNT
10. Firearm assigned to PENETRATING
11. Natural/Environmental assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
12. Other Land Transport assigned to BLUNT
13. Other/specified, foreign body assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
14. Other/specified, classifiable assigned to BLUNT or OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
15. Overexertion assigned to BLUNT or NA
16. Pedal cyclist assigned to BLUNT
17. Pedestrian assigned to BLUNT
18. Struck by/against assigned to BLUNT
19. Suffocation assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED

Special cases

20. Rubber bullets assigned to BLUNT
21. Airguns, paintball guns assigned to BLUNT
22. Malfunction of firearm assigned to BLUNT
23. Transportation with fire assigned to BURN
24. Transportation with explosion assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
25. Explosions/explosive devices assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
26. Destruction of military aircraft assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
27. Electric current/lightning/radiation/nuclear/biological warfare/chemical warfare assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
28. Injuries with multiple possibilities for trauma type assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED
29. Unspecified and “other” injuries assigned to OTHER/UNSPECIFIED