

# GUIDELINE

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this guideline is to identify medical terms and phrases commonly used by field personnel, and to provide a more appropriate wording for each phrase when treating and documenting first-aid injuries.

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<b>Common Terms/Phrases</b>	<b>Acceptable Terms/Phrases</b>
Smashed	Caught in/under
Crushed	Caught in/under
Hit	Made contact with Came in contact with
Pinned	Caught between
Impaled	Punctured / Laceration / avulsion (whichever is applicable to the appearance of the wound that resulted)
Broken	Cracked
Fracture	Cracked
Pop "heard a <i>pop</i> " "felt a <i>pop</i> "	Pain "Pop's" are followed by pain and can be described as pain.
Pull "felt a <i>pull</i> "	Pain
Hurt	Describe the injury; pain, laceration,

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“Employee <i>hurt</i> themselves while lifting heavy equipment”.	abrasion, puncture, etc. and the body part/s affected.
Weak	Fatigued
Light-headed	Dizzy
Threw up / Puked	Vomited
Sick/ Ill / Unwell /	Write out the actual complaints. Example: nauseous, dizzy, etc.)
Eye pain	Eye irritation
Patient or Worker	Employee