



# You live in a **TRAUMA REGION**

A trauma region is a designated set of counties that coordinate community injury prevention activities, emergency medical services, hospitals, trauma centers, and rehabilitation services to improve patient care. Six Kansas Trauma Regions work together to form the Kansas Trauma System.



Traumatic Injury



EMS



Trauma Center



Rehabilitation & Survival

## Not all hospitals are **TRAUMA CENTERS**.

Where you go for care matters.

### Go to the Emergency Room for:

- Possible broken bones
- Mild Burns
- Signs of Heart attack
- Shortness of breath
- Fainting
- Loss of consciousness
- Signs of Stroke
- Severe stomach pain
- Severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Drug Overdose

### Resources Available:

- Located in a hospital
- Staffed by Emergency Department physicians and nurses
- Patients are triaged, life-threatening conditions seen first
- Stabilize patients for further care

### Go to a Trauma Center for:

- Vehicle Crashes
- Gunshot Wounds
- Stab Wounds
- Severe Burns
- Serious falls
- Brain injuries
- Blunt Trauma
- Near Drownings

### Resources Available:

- Located within the hospital's ER
- Staffed by specially trained trauma surgeons, emergency physicians, advanced practitioners, and nurses
- Patients with severe injuries are treated immediately
- Proven to increase survival rates

# Take me to a **KANSAS TRAUMA CENTER**

## LEVEL I

**Level I Trauma Centers** provide the highest level of care for patients. These facilities have a full range of specialists and equipment available 24 hours a day. These facilities also offer teaching and research components.



Specialists



Teaching



Research

## LEVEL II

**Level II Trauma Centers** provide the same services as Level I facilities without the research component. Level II facilities may not have specialists on-hand 24/7, but they have them on call.



Specialists



Teaching

## LEVEL III

**Level III Trauma Centers** do not have the full availability of specialists Level I and Level II centers do, but they do have resources for emergency surgery and intensive care. In some cases, the facility might have to transfer patients.



Surgery



Transfer

## LEVEL IV

**Level IV Trauma Centers** provide initial evaluation, stabilization and diagnostic capabilities but will likely have to transfer the patient to a trauma care center with a higher designation.



Evaluation



Stabilize



Diagnostic



Transfer

## HOSPITALS

**Non-trauma center emergency rooms** can typically stabilize most traumatic injuries before transferring to a trauma center.



Stabilize



Transfer