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

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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).

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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

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SUGGESTED PATIENTS
To be treated and transferred by Airlift Northwest

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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