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**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE POLICY**

Policy No.	6946	Date Issued:	March 30, 2009
Section:	6900 – Specific Procedures, Continued	Date Revised:	
Accreditation Standards:	None		
SUBJECT: FALLS DOWN STAIRS			
APPROVED:			
	Santa Cruz County EMS		
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	American Medical Response		
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All calls requesting medical assistance shall be processed via the EMD system as per Policy 6710 – *Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Policy*. Card 17 – Falls allows for tiered response based on the patients injuries as a result of the fall or distance fell regardless of injuries.

Falls down stairs in which the total distance fell is equal to the EMD definition of Long Fall, shall be classified as a Long Fall (17D5) regardless of the injuries sustained.