

## Trauma Air Taser Injuries

**Designation of Condition:** EMS personnel may be requested to assess patients after Taser deployment, and/or to [remove Air Taser probes](#) lodged in a subject's skin. Be aware that secondary injuries may result from falls sustained after the device has been deployed. Subject may be dazed/ confused for several minutes post device deployment. The patient may require additional restraint as defined in the [Involuntary Emergency Transport](#) and [Patient Restraint Guidelines](#).

<b>B</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Scene safety</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confirm that the Air Taser has been shut off and the probe is no longer connected to the Taser gun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remove Air Taser per the <a href="#">Taser Removal Guideline</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Stretch Skin surrounding the probe site until tight</li><li>•Pull probe out of the skin in the opposite direction that it penetrated (use firm grip ± gauze)</li><li>•Clean and bandage puncture wound</li><li>•Discard probe in sharps container</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Obtain vital signs at the earliest opportunity. Violent and combative behavior may be secondary to intoxication, <a href="#">psychosis</a>, hypoxia, <a href="#">hypoglycemia</a>, <a href="#">overdose</a>, or CNS infection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Obtain O2 sat and BGL as soon as it is feasible</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Treat trauma and seizure if applicable</p>
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Evaluate the anatomical location of the probe (s) puncture zone(s). High-risk/ sensitive zones will require transport to a medical facility for removal. They include:

Any probe above the level of the clavicles ex.

Eyes

Ears

Nose

Mouth

Neck

Suspicion that probe might be embedded in bone, blood vessels, female breast, genitals or joint

Darts to scalp, and low risk areas of forehead and cheek, can be removed in the field

### \*\*\*KEY POINT\*\*\*

**Conducted electrical weapon probes are barbed metal projectiles that may embed themselves up to 13 mm into the skin.**

**Once the probes are removed, inspect and assure they have been removed intact. In the event the probe is not removed intact or there is suspicion of a retained probe, the patient must be transported to the emergency department for evaluation.**