

External Cause

- Document “how” an injury occurred, such as fall, motor vehicle accident, etc.
- Document “where” an injury occurred, such as home, work, school, etc.
- Document “activity”, such as skiing, ironing, gardening, etc.
- Document “status”:
 - Civilian
 - Military
 - Volunteer
 - Other (specify)
- Important Notes:
 - No national requirement for external cause reporting
 - Some states and payers require external cause codes