



Standards Policy: Transport Policy Section

Safe Transport of Pediatric Patients

Policy:

Without special considerations children are at risk of injury when transported by EMS. EMS must provide appropriate stabilization and protection to pediatric patients during EMS transport.

Purpose:

To provide:

- Provide a safe method of transporting pediatric patients within an ambulance.
- Protect the EMS system and personnel from potential harm and liability associated with the transportation of pediatric patients.

Procedure:

1. Drive cautiously at safe speeds observing traffic laws.
2. Tightly secure all monitoring devices and other equipment.
3. Insure that all pediatric patient less than 40 lbs are restrained with an approved child restraint device secured appropriately to the stretcher or captains chair.
3. Insure that all EMS personnel use the available restraint systems during the transport.
4. Transport adults and children who are not patients, properly restrained, in an alternate passenger vehicle, whenever possible.
5. Do not allow parents, caregivers, or other passengers to be unrestrained during transport.
6. NEVER attempt to hold or allow the parents or caregivers to hold the patient during transport.