



## **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 EMS personnel, the patient, and any other occupants use available restraint systems.
4. Transport adults and children who are not patients, properly restrained, in an alternate passenger vehicle, whenever possible.
6. Do not allow parents, caregivers, or other passengers to be unrestrained during transport.
7. Do not have the child/infant held in the parent's, caregiver's, or EMS personnel's arms or lap during transport.