

JORDAN VALLEY EMS AUTHORITY POLICY

POLICY #:202.1.2

SUBJECT: SAFETY RESTRAINTS

SCOPE: ALL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

PURPOSE:

The safety of our employees and patients is of the greatest importance. The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for use of safety restraints on board ambulances and other Authority vehicles

POLICY:

All employees will follow the procedures below with regard to use of safety restraints. The driver of the vehicle is ultimately responsible for the operation of the vehicle and to ensure the safety of all passengers.

PROCEDURE:

FRONT SEAT ALL VEHICLES

The driver and front seat passenger will wear safety restraints at all times.

REAR SEAT NON-AMBULANCE

All rear seat passengers will wear safety restraints when practical. Children will wear safety restraints appropriate for the child's size and age.

REAR SEAT AMBULANCE PATIENT COMPARTMENT

All EMS personnel and personnel from other EMS agencies riding in the patient compartment will wear safety restraints when practical for patient care. All persons not involved in patient care will wear safety restraints at all times.

PATIENT TRANSPORTATION AND RESTRAINTS

Patients will ride on the stretcher with all stretcher restraints in place except where it is not practical for patient care. This includes leg strap, center strap, and chest strap. In cases where patient care or patient positioning is needed where not all restraints can be used, as many restraints will be used as possible. At no time will a patient be completely unrestrained while the vehicle is in motion. In the circumstance where patient care or transportation dictates that a patient must be seated elsewhere in the patient compartment than on the stretcher, the patient will have safety restraint in place at all times. If a second patient is placed in the ambulance on a stretcher or back board utilizing the bench seat, appropriate safety restraints securing the patient to the bench seat, not just the back board, will be used.

POLICY HISTORY:

Implemented February 1, 2015

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