

Forsyth County EMS

Patient Care Policy: Safe Transport of Children

Background: Without special considerations children are at risk of injury when transported by Forsyth County Emergency Medical Services (FCEMS) personnel. FCEMS must provide appropriate stabilization and protection to pediatric patients during transport.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe method of transporting pediatric patients within an ambulance and protect FCEMS and its personnel from potential harm and liability associated with the transportation of pediatric patients.

1. Drive cautiously at safe speeds observing traffic laws.
2. Tightly secure all monitoring devices and other equipment.
3. Ensure FCEMS 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.
5. Do not allow parents, caregivers, or other passengers to be unrestrained during transport.
6. Do not have the child/infant held in the parent's, caregiver's, or FCEMS personnel's arms or lap during transport.

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