
 Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	SECTION: Land Ambulance
	POLICY TITLE: Securing of Equipment/Occupants in Emergency Vehicles
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Policy

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) recognizes that the safety of patients, passengers, escorts and/or staff is paramount. Paramedics ensure that all equipment, including the stretcher, patient(s), escorts, staff, and other items, is secured appropriately in order to prevent injury, in accordance with:

- a) *Ambulance Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A. 19*, as amended;
- b) *Ontario Regulations 257/00, General*, as amended;
- c) *Patient Care and Transportation Standard*, as amended;
- d) *Occupational Health & Safety Act*, as amended; and
- e) *The Highway Traffic Act*, as amended.

All equipment must be secured, in accordance with recognized standards, applicable training and/or best practice.

Procedure

1. Patient care bags and defibrillators are strapped securely on the shelves provided or on the stretcher.
2. All transport incubators are secured, in accordance with established guidelines and standards, per the *Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MoHLTC) Incubator Restraints*.
3. All occupants of an Ambulance or Emergency Response Vehicle must wear a seat belt, in order to prevent injury; this includes neonates in incubators.