

Transport Issues

- When transport is refused against the EMT or Advanced EMT's advice, contact medical control.
- Competent Refusal
 - The EMS provider may obtain a competent refusal from a patient who is alert and oriented and understands the explained risks and benefits. Patient signature required and refusal form must be electronically attached to the PCR.
 - All documentation should be made on the Patient Care Report including that the patient clearly understands the risks if not transported and the release signed by the patient refusing care and transportation.
 - A competent suicidal, homicidal, or non-emancipated minor patient shall be transported according to involuntary transport protocol when treatment/transport is refused.
 - For minors, refusal must be completed by the minor's parent or guardian.
- Incompetent Refusal
 - An individual will be considered incompetent to refuse treatment by the assessing EMS provider when a medical condition/illness, injury, drugs, or alcohol has impaired the patient's judgment. The incompetent patient shall be treated and transported if there is any potential serious threat to life or limb. Request help from Law Enforcement if needed.
- Involuntary Transport
 - When patient is deemed to need transport against his/her will, the EMS provider will decide if that can be done without Law Enforcement.
 - Call for Law Enforcement assistance if danger to self or others.
 - At no time are field personnel to put themselves in danger by attempting to transport or treat combative or threatening patients who refuse.
- Patient Left at Scene
 - After EMS provider evaluation and/or treatment, when, in the EMT's and Advanced EMT's the patient is stable, they will contact medical control prior to leaving a patient at the scene. When in doubt, contact Medical Control.
- Private Vehicle or Police Transport
 - The EMS provider may allow the patient to seek further medical care via other means of transportation (private vehicle or Police) if, in the EMS providers judgment, the patient is stable.