



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM  
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: CONCEALED CARRY / WEAPON(S)

SECTION: LEGAL

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**PURPOSE:**

To define the interaction between EMS personnel and patients who legally / illegally are carrying a firearm or weapon. Any patient who is under arrest or has law enforcement involvement should be checked by law enforcement officer in the presence of EMS personnel prior to initiating care if safe to do so.

**POLICY:**

Firearms:

1. Ask the patient if they have a firearm on their person
  - a. If patient is unconscious / altered EMS personnel may check for firearm(s) in the presence of another EMS provider, or request that law enforcement check the patient
2. If firearm is found or disclosed
  - a. EMS personnel should never handle the firearm(s) if untrained to do so
    - i. If firearm(s) are holstered, firearm(s) should remain there if safe to do so
  - b. If law enforcement is on scene they should be the primary handler of the firearm(s)
    - i. If law enforcement is not on scene consider requesting them to the scene
  - c. Relinquishing firearm(s)
    - i. If at home, and safety permits, have the patient secure the firearm(s)
    - ii. If in vehicle, and safety permits, have the patient secure the firearm(s)
    - iii. If not in an area that the patient can secure the firearm, and law enforcement is on scene, have patient transfer control of the firearm(s) to law enforcement
    - iv. If not in an area that the patient can secure the firearm(s), and law enforcement is not on scene
      1. Non-altered patient
        - a. Have the patient secure the firearm(s) in ambulance lockbox
        - b. Seal the lockbox
        - c. Initiate chain of custody form
        - d. Notify the receiving hospital of firearm being transported
        - e. Relinquish secured box with firearm to receiving security / law enforcement staff

2. Altered Patient
  - a. Have law enforcement remove the firearm(s) if on scene
    - i. If law enforcement not on scene, remove the firearm(s) if trained, or safely able to do so
  - b. Secure in ambulance lockbox
  - c. Initiate chain of custody form
  - d. Notify the receiving hospital of firearm(s) being transported
  - e. Relinquish secured box with firearm(s) to receiving security / law enforcement staff

Weapons

1. Ask the patient if they have a weapon on their person
  - a. If patient is unconscious / altered EMS personnel may check for a weapon in the presence of another EMS provider, or request that law enforcement check the patient
2. If weapon is found or disclosed
  - a. EMS personnel should never handle the weapon(s) if untrained to do so
  - b. If law enforcement is on scene they should be the primary handler of the weapon
    - i. If law enforcement is not on scene consider requesting them to the scene
  - c. Relinquishing weapon(s)
    - i. If at home, and safety permits, have the patient secure the weapon(s)
    - ii. If in vehicle, and safety permits, have the patient secure the weapon(s)
    - iii. If not in an area that the patient can secure the weapon(s), and law enforcement is on scene, have patient transfer control of the firearm to law enforcement
    - iv. If not in an area that the patient can secure the weapon(s), and law enforcement is not on scene
      1. Non-altered patient
        - a. Have the patient secure the weapon(s) within ambulance lockbox.
        - b. Seal the lockbox
        - c. Initiate chain of custody form
        - d. Notify the receiving hospital of weapon(s) being transported
        - e. Relinquish secured box with weapon(s) to receiving security / law enforcement staff
      2. Altered Patient
        - a. Have law enforcement remove the weapon(s) if on scene
          - i. If law enforcement not on scene, remove the weapon(s) if trained, or safely able to do so
        - b. Secure in ambulance lockbox
        - c. Initiate chain of custody form
        - d. Notify the receiving hospital of weapon(s) being transported
        - e. Relinquish secured box with weapon(s) to receiving security / law enforcement staff

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