



North Region EMS System

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Purpose To establish a framework and guidelines to ensure the safe and effective handling, storage, and control of weapons to minimize the risk of unauthorized access, loss, theft, or misuse of weapons, thereby promoting the safety of EMS personnel and patients.

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1. EMS should make every attempt to screen all patients for concealed weapons prior to leaving the scene to transport to a medical facility.
 2. When the emergency response is occurring away from their home, the patient may relinquish their weapon to a law enforcement officer on scene if one is available or to another responsible party at the scene.
 3. Patients with concealed arms should secure the weapon at their residence whenever possible.
 4. It is preferred that the local law enforcement agency meets the EMS transport vehicle at the scene to secure the weapon.
 5. If the weapon is discovered while already enroute to a medical facility, the weapon may be secured by EMS personnel in a locked compartment within the vehicle. The medical facility shall assume control of the locked weapon when the patient is delivered, regardless of the patient's concealed carry status.
 - a. While enroute, emergency response personnel shall notify the receiving facility that a weapon is being transported in a locked compartment with the patient. Advise the receiving facility if the patient is or was uncooperative regarding their weapon.
 - b. Facility security personnel shall meet the transport vehicle at the doors to take control of the weapon.
 - c. Medical facility and emergency response personnel shall document the transaction in the ePCR and obtain a signature from the security personnel.

References Northwestern Medicine Patient Rights and Responsibilities
Lake County Concealed Carry Act: 430 ILCS 66/65 Sec. 65. Prohibited areas

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