

# Ambulance Vehicle Safety

# Vehicle Doors

- All vehicle doors should be securely closed before driving off.
- Vehicle doors should only be opened when the vehicle has stopped
- Confirm with the driver that the vehicle has stopped before opening the vehicle doors

# Patient compartment side door

- At the commencement of the shift, crew members should assess the functionality of the side door and associated alarm.
- The patient compartment side door should be considered as an emergency exit and should not be routinely used.

# Vehicle Daily Inspection

**SIDE DOOR TO BE OPENED ONLY  
IN EMERGENCY & WHEN  
VEHICLE IS STOPPED**

Side Door Checked from Outside   
Tape over lock on inside intact   
Confirm Door Alarms are working

**National Ambulance Service  
Vehicle Daily Inspection Form**



Station  Mileage

Vehicle Reg. Number  Call Sign  Date  Time

Crew Name 1  Crew Name 2  Serial No.

Radio Test  
  Bleep Check  
  Mobile Phone Powered On  
  Check AVL with Control  
  Portable Handheld Radios  
  Fuel Card (In date)

<input type="checkbox"/> Oil Level <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Warning Lights <input type="checkbox"/> Audio Warning (Siren) <input type="checkbox"/> Tyre Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Wipers / Screenwash <input type="checkbox"/> All Seat Belts Front & Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking / Dip / Headlights <input type="checkbox"/> Indicators <input type="checkbox"/> All Brake Lights <input type="checkbox"/> Engine Start <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Level (Full) <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors	<input type="checkbox"/> Tail Lift Check <input type="checkbox"/> Scene Lights <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Camera Check <input type="checkbox"/> Reversing Lights <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Heater <input type="checkbox"/> Saloon Lighting & Power
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Please circle defect found (if any) on relevant diagram below. Please complete a Vehicle Defect Form, submit to LEMT / Ambulance Officer or Control to be processed

# Patient compartment side door

- The patient compartment side door may be used in exceptional circumstances such as the emergency evacuation of the vehicle, or where its non use on entering or exiting the vehicle would endanger the crew or patients e.g.: when the vehicle is parked in the fend off position at the scene of a RTC.
- The patient compartment side door must never be opened or its mechanisms operated unless the vehicle is stationary (confirm with vehicle driver that the vehicle is stationary).

# Seat belts

- All occupants should wear seats belts at all times whilst the vehicle is moving.
- The vehicle driver should confirm that all passengers are wearing seatbelts before moving.
- Ambulance crews are not exempt from wearing seatbelts under the road traffic act.
- Where necessary to carry out a procedure, request the driver to stop the vehicle if it is if safe to do so.

# Seat belts

- Where it is necessary to carry out a procedure and it is unsafe to stop the vehicle, advise the driver that you are no longer restrained. When you have completed the procedure return to the seated position and reapply your seatbelt as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Stretcher patients should be secured using the supplied belt system.

# Seat belts

- Ensure the stretcher is securely locked in position prior to moving off.
- Where the patient is secured to a spinal board or other ancillary stretcher, ensure that this is also secured to the main stretcher.
- Confirm with the driver that the vehicle has stopped before removing seat belts.

# Equipment

- Unsecured equipment could become a projectile should the vehicle have to stop suddenly
- Ensure that all equipment is secured at all equipment



# Summary

- Ensure all doors are secure prior to driving
- Do not open any patient compartment doors (side or rear) until the vehicle has been confirmed as stationary
- Wear your seatbelt and ensure all occupants wear theirs
- Secure all equipment