

# Standard Operating Policy and Procedure Guide

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## OVERVIEW

After significant research the following standards are adopted for safe transportation of pediatric patients. Service directors and service medical directors should use this guideline when establishing local policy. This policy has been copied directly from the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma recommendation.

## SECTION A

1. All pediatric patients should be safely and appropriately transported. Safe and appropriate transport **NEVER includes** having the child being held by another person who is riding or strapped to the stretcher. No child or infant should ever be held in the parent, caregiver, or EMT's arms or lap during transport.
2. Amerimed uses "Pedi-mates" for transport. We also have car-seats at headquarters that can be delivered to a unit in the field.
3. Children who are not patients should not routinely be transported in the ambulance. There may be extenuating circumstances that require such transport. In those cases the child should always be placed in an appropriate child restraint seat in the passenger area of the ambulance.
4. If possible, you should try to use the patient's car-seat, as it is probably the correct size for the patient.