



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
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# **AMBULANCE SERVICES ACT GENERAL REGULATIONS**

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## AMBULANCE SERVICES ACT

### Chapter A-10.01

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 23 of the *Ambulance Services Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. A-10.01, Council made the following regulations:

### Application

#### 1. Application of regulations

The requirements and standards in these regulations apply in respect of every ambulance that is used or intended to be used to provide ambulance services in the province, except an ambulance based outside the province that is used to provide for the inter-provincial transportation of patients. (EC530/13)

### Staffing of an Ambulance

#### 2. Staff complement

- (1) An ambulance shall be staffed by at least two emergency medical technicians.

*Idem*

- (2) When transporting a patient by ambulance, at least one emergency medical technician shall ride in the patient section of the ambulance to attend to the patient, except where
- medical or nursing personnel are in the patient section attending to the patient; and
  - space limitations prevent an emergency medical technician from riding in the patient section with the medical or nursing personnel. (EC530/13)

### Vehicle Safety and Design

#### 3. Safety of vehicle

- (1) An ambulance shall be
- registered and inspected in accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-5, as evidenced by the motor vehicle registration and the inspection certificate carried in the ambulance;
  - maintained in good mechanical condition and repair; and

- (c) cleaned, disinfected and decontaminated to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

**Design requirements**

- (2) The vehicle design requirements for an ambulance are set out in Schedule A. (EC530/13)

**Equipment and Supplies****4. Vehicle equipment**

- (1) The following vehicle equipment shall be carried in an ambulance:
  - (a) a two-way radio or mobile phone;
  - (b) at least two battery-operated flashlights;
  - (c) a properly maintained dry chemical fire extinguisher of a type approved by the Fire Marshal appointed pursuant to the *Fire Prevention Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-11.

**Patient care equipment and supplies**

- (2) The patient care equipment and supplies set out in Schedule B shall be carried in an ambulance. (EC530/13)

**5. Uncontrolled movement**

- (1) All equipment and supplies carried in an ambulance shall be properly stored and secured to prevent uncontrolled movement.

**Safety of equipment**

- (2) All equipment carried in an ambulance shall
  - (a) meet any standards established by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) for such equipment, as indicated by a mark or stamp of CSA approval;
  - (b) be maintained and calibrated in accordance with any recommendations of the manufacturer; and
  - (c) be cleaned, disinfected and decontaminated to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

**Approved uses**

- (3) No person shall use equipment carried in an ambulance for purposes, or under conditions, other than those approved by the manufacturer for that equipment. (EC530/13)

**Use of Ambulance****6. Transportation of human remains**

An ambulance shall not be used for the transportation of human remains unless prior approval has been obtained from a coroner appointed under the *Coroners Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-25.1. (EC530/13)



## Patient Call Reports

**7. Retention of patient call reports**

For the purposes of clause 15(3)(b) of the Act, an operator shall retain a patient call report for 7 years. *(EC530/13)*

**8. Commencement**



**SCHEDULE A****AMBULANCE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

1. An ambulance shall provide for
  - (a) ready access between driver and patient sections;
  - (b) entry by rear doors to permit ready loading of a stretcher patient; and
  - (c) entry by a curbside door to permit ready loading of an ambulatory patient, with anti-slip covering on any steps.
2. The rear doors of an ambulance shall not contain windows that open.
3. The patient section of an ambulance shall accommodate
  - (a) at least one stretcher patient and one other patient lying on another stretcher or backboard, or two seated patients; and
  - (b) at least one person who is attending to the patients, with headroom sufficient for the provision of care from a sitting position.
4.
  - (1) An ambulance shall be equipped with a stretcher holder mounted to the floor or left wall assembly so as to secure a wheeled, adjustable- height stretcher.
  - (2) The floor or wall assembly on which a stretcher holder is mounted shall be reinforced so as to transmit stresses to the main body of the vehicle.
  - (3) A stretcher holder shall be positioned to allow free working space at the foot and head of the stretcher.
5. An ambulance shall be equipped with
  - (a) fasteners or holders designed to securely fasten and transport an incubator;
  - (b) an attendant seat with headrest, facing toward the rear, and positioned by the head of the stretcher;
  - (c) restraint belts for patients and emergency medical technicians or other personnel;
  - (d) overhead hooks for use with intravenous treatment;
  - (e) readily accessible storage for all required patient care supplies and equipment; and
  - (f) a siren, with controls readily accessible to the driver.
6. The interior surfaces of an ambulance shall be easily washable and free from sharp edges.
7. An ambulance shall be insulated and have a system of heating and cooling or ventilation that allows for keeping the patient section approximately at ordinary room temperature.
8. An ambulance shall be equipped with the following lighting:
  - (a) a map light in the driver section;
  - (b) at least two interior lights, located on each side of the patient section, controlled by independent switches to permit dimming of individual lights;
  - (c) lighting to illuminate the rear entry when the doors are opened and when the transmission is in reverse gear;
  - (d) lighting to illuminate the side step entry when the door is opened;
  - (e) a red, or red and white, rotating light or strobe light, mounted on the roof, which is visible within 150 metres from the front and rear of the vehicle;

- (f) two red flashing lights on the grill or front face of the vehicle;
- (g) an intersection light mounted on the side of each front fender;
- (h) a clear ditch light, either mounted on the vehicle or hand-held, sufficient to illuminate a work site or house number at a distance of 15 metres.

**9.**

- (1) The interior of an ambulance shall be painted and furnished in soft colours.
- (2) The exterior of an ambulance shall be painted predominantly white, cream or yellow.

- 10.** The exterior of an ambulance shall display the word “AMBULANCE” on reflective decals, written in block letters at least 12.5 cm in height, on the rear and both sides of the vehicle, and on the front in reverse printing so as to be readable in a mirror.

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**SCHEDULE B****PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

<b>Patient Care Equipment and Supplies</b>	<b>Minimum Number or Amount</b>
1. Standard, adjustable-height stretcher	1
2. Pedi-mate paediatric transport device	1
3. Stair chair	1
4. Semi-rigid, collapsible stretcher	1
5. Standard-sized backboard	1
6. Kendrick extrication device	1
7. Head immobilization device	1
8. Backboard quick adjustable clips (body immobilization straps)	1 set of 4
9. Semi-rigid, adjustable cervical collars	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
10. Bedding and linen, as follows:	
(a) blankets	2
(b) bed sheets	2
(c) pillows	2
(d) pillow cases	2
(e) impermeable protective mattress covers	2
11. Assorted bandages and sterile dressings, including:	
(a) 4 x 4 sterile gauze pads	12
(b) abdominal pads	6
(c) Kling rolled bandages, 4-inch	2
(d) non-stick (Telfa) dressing	3
12. Roll of adhesive tape	1
13. Trauma shears	1
14. Triangular slings	3
15. Sterile bum kit	1
16. Oxygen tanks, with minimum 15 litres per minute regulator, as follows:	
(a) large tank (M size or equivalent), maintained at not less than 500 psi	1
(b) small (D or E) portable tanks, maintained at not less than 500 psi	2
17. Nebulizer masks	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
18. Nasal cannulas	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
19. Non-rebreather masks	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
20. Bag-valve-mask (BVM) devices with intrinsic PEEP valve/external PEEP accessory, as follows:	
(a) adult-sized with 2 adult-sized masks	1
(b) child-sized with 1 child-sized mask	1
(c) infant-sized with 1 infant-sized mask	1
21. Adult CPAP delivery device	1

<b>Patient Care Equipment and Supplies</b>	<b>Minimum Number or Amount</b>
22. Suction apparatus with single service tips, as follows:	
(a) electrically operated and stationary	1
(b) portable	1
23. Yankeur suction device	1
24. Suction catheters (sizes 12fr to 16fr)	1 per size
25. Suction tubing	
26. Oropharyngeal airways (sizes 3 to 10)	1 per size
27. Nasopharyngeal airways (sizes 12 to 30)	1 per size
28. King LT supraglottic airways (sizes 3 to 5)	1 per size
29. Colormetric end tidal CO <sub>2</sub> device	1
30. Endotracheal tubes (sizes 3 to 8.5)	1 per size
31. Positube esophageal detection device	1
32. Bougie	1
33. Cricothyrotomy kits	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
34. Stylets	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
35. Stethoscope	1
36. Sphygmomanometer, with infant-sized, pediatric-sized, adult-sized, and large adult-sized cuffs	1
37. Medications, as follows:	
(a) Acetylsalicylic Acid (ASA) (81 mg/tablet)	5 packages of 2 tablets
(b) Adenosine (3 mg/ml)	5 boxes – injection or vials
(c) Amiodarone (150 mg/3 ml)	5 vials
(d) Atropine (1 mg/10 ml)	2 boxes - injection
(e) Bicarb (Sodium Bicarbonate) (50 meq/50 ml)	1 box - injection
(f) Dextrose 5% water (D5W) (100ml)	1 bag
(g) Dextrose 50% (25 g/50 ml)	2 boxes - injection
(h) Diazepam (Valium) (10 mg/2 ml)	2 vials
(i) Dimenhydrinate (Gravol) (50 mg/ml)	2 vials or ampules
(j) Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) (50 mg/ml)	2 vials
(k) Dopamine (500 ml)	1 bag (pre-mixed)
(l) Epinephrine (Adrenaline) 1:10,000 (1 mg/10 ml)	6 boxes - injection
(m) Epinephrine (Adrenaline) 1:1,000 (1 mg/ml)	1 ampule
(n) Fentanyl (100 mcg/2 ml)	2 ampules
(o) Furosemide (Lasix) (10 mg/ml)	2 vials
(p) Glucagon (1 mg)	2 vials/kit
(q) Haloperidol (Haldol) (5 mg/ml)	1 vial
(r) Ipratropium (Atrovent)	2 aerosol inhalers; 1 single-use meter dose inhaler
(s) Lidocaine (Xylocaine)	1 bottle
(t) Magnesium Sulphate (5 g/10 ml)	1 vial



<b>Patient Care Equipment and Supplies</b>	<b>Minimum Number or Amount</b>
(u) Metoclopramide (10 mg/2 ml)	2 vials
(v) Midazolam (Versed) (5 mg/ml)	1 vial
(w) Morphine (10 mg/ml)	2 ampules
(x) Naloxone (Narcan) (0.4 mg/ml)	2 vials
(y) Nitroglycerin (N/G) (0.4 mg/dose)	2 vials
(z) Oxytocin (Syntocinon) (10USP units/ml)	2 ampules
(aa) Salbutamol (Ventolin)	2 aerosol inhalers; 1 single-use meter dose inhaler
(bb) Topical Anaesthetic Eye Drops (Tetracaine) (0.5%)	2 unit doses
(cc) Tranexamic Acid (1,000 mg/10 ml)	1 vial
38. Intravenous supplies, as follows:	
(a) syringe – 60cc	1
(b) syringe – 20cc	1
(c) syringe – 10cc	2
(d) syringe – 5cc	2
(e) syringe – 3cc	2
(f) syringe – 1cc	2
(g) NaCl 0.9% for injection, 10cc bottles	2
(h) NaCl 0.9% for flushing, 10cc pre-filled syringes	2
(i) NaCl 0.9% solution, 1,000 ml bags	2
(j) peripheral intravenous lock	2
(k) IV Tubing – 10gtt solution set	2
(l) Buretrol – 60gtt set	1
(m) tourniquets	2
(n) Tagaderm dressing	6
(o) blunt fill needle – 18 gauge (1-1/2")	2
(p) needle – 25 gauge (7/8")	2
(q) needle – 22 gauge (1-1/2")	2
(r) IV catheter - 14 gauge	2
(s) IV catheter - 16 gauge	2
(t) IV catheter - 18 gauge	2
(u) IV catheter - 20 gauge	2
(v) IV catheter - 22 gauge	2
(w) IO catheter – 18 gauge	1
(x) transport tape	1
(y) nasal atomizer	1
(z) alcohol swabs	5
39. Penlight	1
40. Sam splints	
41. Urinal	1
42. Bedpan, with toilet paper	1
43. Emesis bag	1
44. Hot compresses	2
45. Cold compresses	2
46. Disposable gloves (sizes small, medium and large)	1 box/size
47. Safety glasses with side shields	2 pairs
48. Surgical masks	4

<b>Patient Care Equipment and Supplies</b>	<b>Minimum Number or Amount</b>
49. Sharps disposal container	1
50. Biohazard bag	1
51. Facial tissues	1 box
52. Cardiac monitor kit, portable, including:	
(a) cardiac monitor/defibrillator	1
(b) multi-function defibrillator electrode pads	2 adult size 2 paediatric size
(c) disposable cardiac electrodes	1 package of 30
(d) recorder paper	
(e) disposable razor	1
(f) 5-lead attachment	1
(g) 12-lead attachment	1
53. Airway kit, portable, including:	
(a) wire cutter	1
(b) Magill forceps	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
(c) laryngoscope handle with batteries	1
(d) blade – MacIntosh #3	1
(e) blade – MacIntosh #4	1
(f) blade – Miller #0	1
(g) blade – Miller #1	1
(h) blade – Miller #4	1
(i) twill tape	3
(j) Muko lubricating jelly	3
(k) stylets	1 adult size 1 paediatric size
(l) Sterivent mini filter	1
(m) 3-way stopcock	1
(n) povidone-iodine swabs	5
(o) glucometer	1
(p) glucometer test strips	1 bottle
(q) lancets	
54. Paediatric kit, portable, including:	
(a) Broselow tape	1
(b) sterile obstetrical kit	1
(c) meconium aspirator	1
(d) bulb suction	1

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