



## Recommendations for Improving Safe Transport of Children

In the lieu of rising ambulance transport safety concerns, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) [Safe Transport of Children Ad Hoc Committee](#) recommends that all EMS agencies work to develop written policies and procedures that will:

- Facilitate transporting children to the most appropriate hospital efficiently and effectively (if applicable)
- Prohibit unrestrained transport of children (e.g. held in arms or lap)
- Call for the securing of all equipment during transport
- Require appropriately sized child restraint devices be readily available on all ambulances that transport children; all personnel should be evaluated and trained initially and regularly on the use of all pediatric restraint devices
- Mandate using child restraint devices for which they are designed and tested.

Along with developing these policies and procedures for your agency, the committee also suggests all agencies have appropriately sized child restraint devices readily available on all ambulances that transport children; all personnel should be evaluated and trained initially and regularly on the use of all pediatric restraint devices. [Please review the "Pediatric Transport Products for Ground Ambulances" chart to compare devices.](#)

Alaska EMS for Children does not endorse, recommend nor favor any one particular device. Please contact the manufacturer for crash-test information.

Source: [Safe Transport of Children by EMS: Interim Guidance](#)

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