

**KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD
POLICY and PROCEDURE**

TITLE: LOADING/UNLOADING OF PATIENTS	SECTION: LAND AMBULANCE
DATE: April 23, 2007	POLICY NO.: KDSB-LAS-VI-05
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Ambulance staff will exercise caution and safety when loading and unloading patients.

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1 The ambulance will be parked in a location that will provide safety and protection for the patient and ambulance staff while patient care is provided or the patient is loaded or unloaded.
- 2.2 Routes between the ambulance and the patient must be clear of hazards before transporting patient.
- 2.3 Assistance from other emergency services, public safety personnel or by-standers may be utilized to maximize the safety of all persons.
- 2.4 Lifting and carrying of patients will be performed with patients and ambulance equipment of appropriate sizes and weight. All lifts will involve using proper body posture, e.g. bent knees, straight back and no body extensions.