

*Backing Safety*



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# VEHICLE OPERATIONS POLICY ON BACKING

- Agency ambulances must utilize a backer/spotter when available.
- Use a backing spotter every time and everywhere you back with the following exception:
  - *If you need to back on a busy highway or interstate, use your lights and sirens and back with due regard. Do not get out of the ambulance in traffic to push the spotter button.*
- Spotters must be placed on the driver's side rear of the unit as to ensure full vision of the spotter by the driver.
- The spotter must be in place prior to the unit being placed into reverse.
- Proper universal hand signals shall be used by the spotter to communicate to the driver.
- The unit must not exceed 1-2 mph while in reverse.

# MEDIC DEFENSIVE DRIVING (MDD) - BACKING

## Look Ahead

1. Avoid backing.
2. Plan ahead.

## Get the Broad View

1. Always use a spotter.
2. Use universal backing signals.
3. Roll down windows. Use extra lighting at night.
4. Spotter button must be pressed.
5. If you lose sight of your spotter, stop until sight is gained.
6. Utilize the GOAL method if necessary.

# MEDIC DEFENSIVE DRIVING (MDD) - BACKING

## Keep Scanning

1. Pay attention to your spotter.
2. Back up SLOWLY.
3. Don't be distracted.

## Create a Safe Space

1. Back no further than you must.
2. Use the curb as a indicator line.

## Be Seen and Stand Out

1. Activate emergency lights.

Universal Backing Hand Signals



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# BACK STRAIGHT



# STOP



# MOVE RIGHT



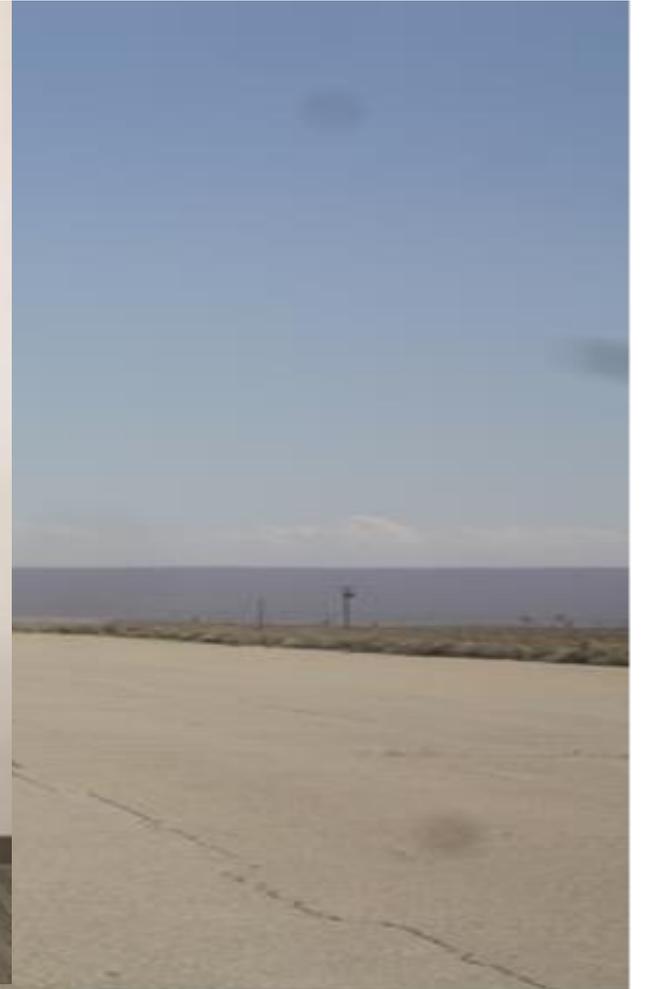
# MOVE LEFT



# DISTANCE FROM OBJECT



# SLOW DOWN



# Preventable Backing Accidents

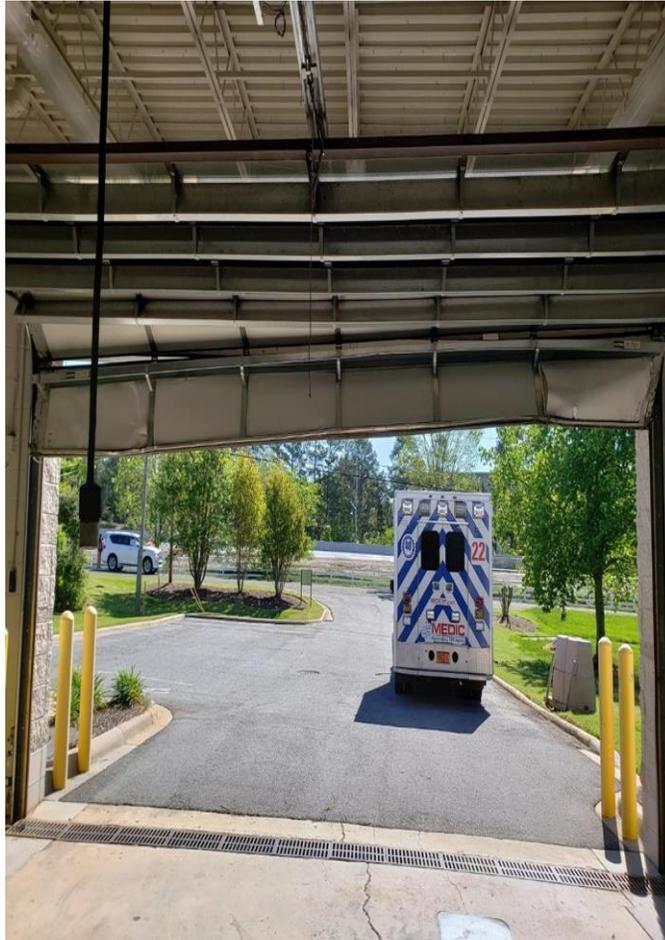


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# PREVENTABLE BACKING ACCIDENT - NEIGHBORHOOD



# PREVENTABLE BACKING ACCIDENT - POST 50



# PREVENTABLE BACKING ACCIDENT – POST 25



# PREVENTABLE BACKING ACCIDENTS

## **Spotter Utilized**

- One-On-One Driver Retraining
- Issue PIO

## **No Spotter Utilized**

- One-On-One Driver Retraining
- Issue Trigger

# QUESTIONS ???

