

Backing Safety



VEHICLE OPERATIONS POLICY ON BACKING

- Use a spotter every time and everywhere you back an ambulance with the following exception:
 - If you are backing on a busy highway or interstate, use your lights and sirens and back with due regard. Do not get out of ambulance in traffic to push the spotter button.
- Backing accidents that are deemed preventable may result in both employees receiving a PIPD.

SPOTTER TIPS

- Spotters must be placed on the driver's side of unit as to ensure full vision of spotter by the driver.
- The spotter must be in position prior to the unit being placed in reverse
- Proper universal hand signals shall be used by the spotter to communicate with the driver.
- The unit must not exceed 1-2 mph while in reverse.

MDD Targets for Backing



MEDIC

MEDIC DEFENSIVE DRIVING (MDD) - BACKING

Look Ahead

- Avoid backing.
- Plan ahead.

Get the Broad View

- Always press the spotter button.
- Use universal backing signals.
- Roll down windows. Use extra lighting at night.
- Utilize the GOAL method if necessary.

MEDIC DEFENSIVE DRIVING (MDD) - BACKING

Keep Scanning

- Pay attention to your spotter. If you lose sight of your spotter, stop until sight is gained.
- Back up SLOWLY.
- Don't be distracted.

Create a Safe Space

- Back no further than you must.
- Use the curb as an indicator line.

Be Seen and Stand Out

- Activate emergency lights.

REMEMBER: THE AMBULANCE DOES NOT FIT INSIDE BAY AT POST 50



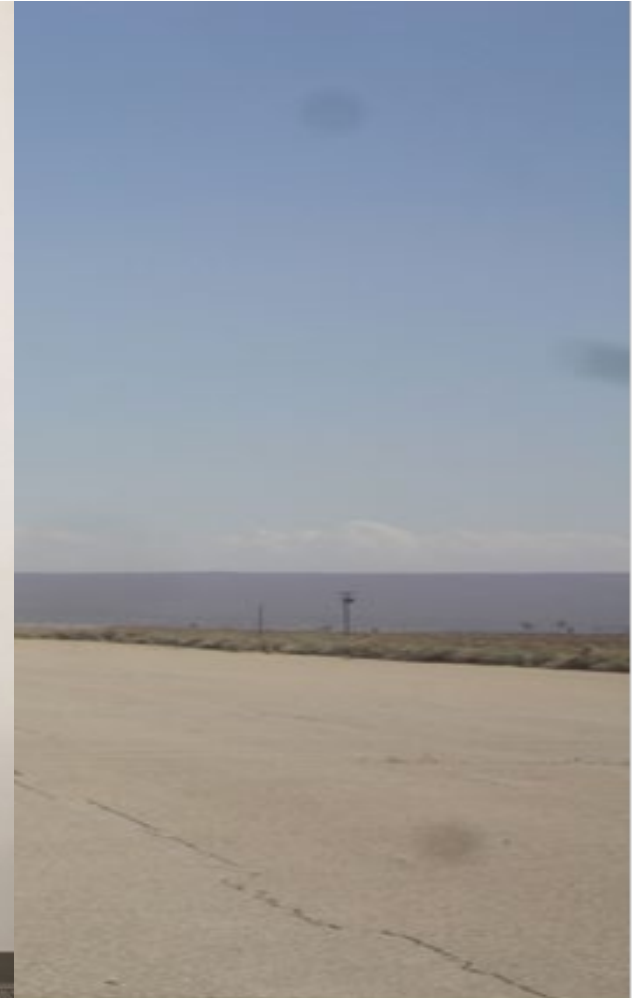


Universal Backing Hand Signals



MEDIC

BACK STRAIGHT



STOP



MOVE RIGHT



MOVE LEFT



DISTANCE FROM OBJECT

