

Pediatric Transport Guidelines 2020

South Dakota Emergency Medical Services for Children

NO Illness/Injury

- Secure in **CRD**
- Transport via alternate vehicle

- Secure in **CRD**
- Front passenger
- Airbag **OFF**

- Secure in **CRD**
- Captain's Chair**
- Forward Facing**

- Secure in **CRD**
- Captain's Chair**
- Rear Facing**
- Mother secured on cot**

- Leave child on-scene with **competent adult caregiver**

Monitor/Treatment Required

YES

- Secure child in **CRD**
- Secure to cot

NO

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- Secure child to cot with 3 horizontal straps across torso, waist, & knees
- Vertical straps across each shoulder

Spinal Immobilization

- Use appropriate sized spine board secured to cot
- Head first in unit
- Tether at foot

- Secure child to cot with 3 horizontal straps across torso, waist, & knees
- Vertical straps across each shoulder

- Appropriate size spine board **unavailable?**
- Use standard spine board
- Follow procedures above

Multiple Patients

- Transport as a single patient
- Use appropriate devices

- Secure in **CRD**
- Captain's Chair**
- Forward Facing**

- ### MOTHER & NEWBORN
- Newborn
 - Secure in **CRD**
 - Captain's Chair**
 - Forward Facing**
 - Mother
 - Secured to cot

- Transport using available resources
- Non-emergent
- Use Extreme Caution

UNDER STATE LAW THESE ARE PASSENGER VEHICLES

- Child Restraint Device Law (Codified Law 32-37-1.1)



<https://dps.sd.gov/safety-enforcement/highway-safety/safety-priorities/seat-belts-car-seats>

NEVER TRANSPORT A CHILD IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

- Unrestrained
- On someone's lap
- Using stretcher straps when the child does not fit according to manufacturers' recommendations
- On a bench seat or any seat perpendicular to forward motion of the unit, even if child is in a safety seat

***CRD**: Child Restraint Device
****Always follow manufacturers' recommendations**



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