



National EMS Academy

Re: Safety vests and footwear for EMS students riding on Acadian ambulances

To Whom It May Concern:

Acadian Ambulance Service requires that all of its field personnel and student riders to wear safety vests when operating on or near roadways. Each year, an unacceptable number of public safety personnel are seriously injured and killed by careless motorists.

Our decision is part of a proactive initiative to enhance Acadian's culture of safety awareness while directly improving our personnel's visibility. We feel strongly that this culture should be extended to those who are learning to become future EMS providers.

All student riders that participate in field clinicals on Acadian Ambulances must possess a safety vest with reflective material on the front and back. The vest should be high-visible green and free of any logo or text. However, EMS training institutions may optionally choose to silkscreen its logo on the vest's left front and the words "EMS Student" on the back.

The footwear policy at Acadian Ambulance has recently changed. In an effort to protect both employees and students, all must adhere to the following footwear policy: All footwear must follow the guidelines listed:

- a. An all black work boot with adequate ankle protection (of approximately 6 inches or more in height)
- b. Lace up (preferred) or slip on
- c. Slip and Oil resistant sole – hard or leather bottom footwear prohibited
- d. Defined heel no greater than 1" – the back of the heel is at an approximate right angle from the sole of the shoe and from the ground when standing.
- e. Crocs, clogs, flip-flops, tennis shoes, athletic shoes, skele-toes etc. are not allowed.

Preceptors have been instructed to send students home if they are not in compliance with this policy.

Thank you in advance for your compliance with this policy. Please call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

National EMS Academy Director