Driver Safety

White Sands Treatment Center

Safety First



Safety is Our Number One Priority

Before Loading Passenger

- 1. The vehicle is parked in a safe parking spot away from traffic.
- 2. The vehicle is in good operating condition. Do a walk through each time before driving.
- 3. The gas tank is at least ¼ full.
- 4. The vehicle is in park, emergency brake is on, radio is off and air conditioning or heat is on (as appropriate).
- 5. Complete a vehicle checklist each day.

While loading passengers:

- 1. No food, drinks or smoking allowing on board.
- 2. Each person on the van is assigned and accounted for on a seat.
- 3. Every patient puts on a seatbelt <u>before</u> vehicle is in motion.

Rules of the Road



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While Driving

- Slow and careful at all times.
- 2. All passengers must be seated at all time while the vehicle is moving.
- 3. Seatbelts must worn by drivers/passengers when appropriate.
- 4. In Florida, do not drive on I-95.
- 5. The radio can be on at a discrete volume level and the station at the driver's discretion.
- 6. All passengers will remain seated, talk in low tones, keep all hands and body parts in the vehicle and are expected to behavior appropriately. In the event these rules are broken, the driver reserves the right to safely pull the vehicle over until it is safe to drive again.

While unloading passengers

- 1. The vehicle is parked in a safe parking spot away from traffic.
- 2. The vehicle is in park, emergency brake on, radio off and air conditioning or heat is on.

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What is an emergency and what do you do?

All these constitute an emergency:

- 1. The vehicle is not running properly (i.e., foreign noises, pulling to one side, overheating, etc).
- 2. One or more patients are complaining of a medical problem.
- 3. One or more patients are behaving inappropriately and disturbing the safety of the vehicle.
- 4. The driver does not feel well enough or in control of the vehicle.
- 5. You are involved in any type of accident or police stop.

Emergency procedure:

Promptly and safely pull the vehicle off the road, park in safe spot, turn vehicle off, and call your supervisor for further instructions

Prevent Driving Emergencies by:



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