

SALT LAKE EMS DISTRICT
BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS
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SCOPE:

To provide guidelines for EMS personnel in providing care for patients with behavioral problems.

1. Potentially harmful to themselves or others.
2. Patients with other psychiatric complaints (hearing voices, paranoia, depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse, detoxification needs, worsening chronic psychiatric problems, etc.). .
3. Behavioral problems not meeting any of the above descriptions (marital or other interpersonal disputes, antisocial behavior, chronic dementia, etc).

EMS DISPOSITIONS:

1. Follow the Triage and Transport Selection Protocol and the treatment Protocols.
2. If patient is believed to be at risk to himself/herself or others, and refuses transport, refer to law enforcement to make application for commitment (pink sheet) prior to transport. Situations involving minors refer to legal guardian and/or law enforcement.
3. Release to local police if no medical or psychiatric care is required or if care is refused by a patient. Use the appropriate release form.
4. May be released at the scene or to Detox. Use your judgment and the assistance of Medical Control to make the appropriate decision. (Use appropriate release form).