

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

B-37 NO SMOKING POLICY

Purpose:

The State of Illinois in partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health have deemed it illegal for patients, family, EMS Personnel, or any occupants to smoke inside an ambulance or SEMSV. IDPH shall impose a civil penalty of \$100 on an individual who violates this section of the IDPH EMS Administrative Code (*Section 515.830(m)*) and the Illinois EMS Act (*Section 3.155(h)*). The purpose of this policy is to strengthen the enforcement of the IDPH no smoking law throughout the Southern Illinois Regional EMS System.

Definition:

For the purpose of this policy, smoking is defined as using any product that produces and disseminates smoke or vapor. The following is not an all exclusive listing of examples.

- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Pipes
- Electronic cigarettes
- Vaping devices

Procedure:

- The use of any smoking or vaping product inside an IDPH licensed vehicle that participates within the Southern Illinois Regional EMS System is prohibited.
- The use of any smoking or vaping product within 10 feet of an IDPH licensed vehicle that participates within the Southern Illinois Regional EMS System is prohibited.
 - When non-EMS personnel violate this policy:
 - They will be submitted to IDPH for the imposition of the \$100 civil penalty.
 - When non-SIREMS EMS personnel violate this policy:
 - Their EMS System Coordinator will be notified of the occurrence.
 - They will be submitted to IDPH for the imposition of the \$100 civil penalty.
 - When SIREMS EMS personnel violate this policy:
 - They will be subject to EMS System disciplinary action, up to and including system suspension.
 - SIREMS EMS personnel that do not comply with the Medical Director's disciplinary action may also be submitted to IDPH for the imposition of the \$100 civil penalty.