

This chapter shall be construed by the department to reasonably effectuate the legislative purpose of promoting safe, efficient emergency transportation for the sick, injured and disabled.

Vehicles subject to the standards and specifications prescribed in the chapter are also subject to any other administrative rule or statute governing motor vehicle design, construction or equipment. Unless the express terms or context requires otherwise, this chapter shall be construed as supplementing rather than conflicting with other such statutes or administrative rules.

This chapter prescribes minimum standards applicable to all ambulances subject to inspection under s. 341.085, Stats. Ambulance service providers may exceed these minimum standards. Also, some ambulances may be subject to higher or more restrictive standards imposed as conditions for receiving federal assistance in connection with the acquisition of ambulance vehicles and equipment. Ambulance service providers are responsible for complying with all conditions and requirements, including those related to color and marking, contained in federal assistance grants or agreements.

2. Mechanical safety inspections shall be conducted by a mechanic with factory training and certification from the original (motor vehicle) equipment manufacturer or the equivalent certification for Emergency Vehicle Technicians (EVT) or from the Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Mechanics certification.

4. Records of the periodic mechanical safety inspection shall be submitted upon the initial permit application to the Division of Emergency Medical Services, and shall be maintained for as long as the chassis is actively licensed or permitted. Such records and supporting documents consisting of repair orders and routine maintenance shall be available and submitted for inspection by an authorized representative of the department.

A ground ambulance must be commercially constructed to comply with a nationally recognized published standard for ambulance manufacturing.

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the current federal specification for the Star of Life ambulance (U.S. General Services Administration KKK-A-1822 standards) as of the date of vehicle construction, with exceptions as specified in these regulations.

(6) All ambulances shall meet or exceed the federal trade industry specifications or standards for ambulance vehicles.

(5) A vehicle being used as an ambulance shall immediately be rendered out of service and the service provider may be assessed a monetary penalty if, upon inspection, the ambulance is found to have any of the following, and sub. (4) does not apply:

(a) A malfunctioning brake system.

(b) A faulty exhaust system.

(c) A faulty battery system.

(d) A malfunctioning fuel system.

(e) An inadequate on-board oxygen system.

(f) An unsafe structure.

(g) Unsafe tires.

(h) Ten or more minor violations which, in the opinion of the inspector, shows a lack of effort on the part of the service provider to stay in compliance with this chapter.