

**Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Section: G. Emergency Medical Services	Effective Date: April 1, 2007
Topic: 4. Operations Directives	Replaces: New
Subject: 53. Use of Recording Devices	
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PURPOSE

Privacy and confidentiality are of paramount importance during the delivery of prehospital emergency care.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, EMAs, Management

PROCEDURE

1. Unless specifically approved by management, the use of any and all recording devices, including audio, video and photographic, is strictly prohibited by Paramedics/EMAs while on duty.
2. Paramedics/EMAs are not to have any personal device in the ambulance which has the ability to record audio sounds, record video images or take photographs. This includes but is not limited to both film and digital cameras, video cameras, camera cell phones, pocket tape recorders (cassette and digital) and personal digital assistants (PDAs) with camera functions.

REFERENCE