

<b>Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY &amp; PROCEDURES MANUAL</b>	
Section: G. Emergency Medical Services	Effective Date: March 1, 2010
Topic: 8. Occupational Health & Safety	Replaces: G.4.5.
Subject: 5.2. Fire/Police Assistance/Lifting	
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**PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines with respect to Fire/Police assistance in lifting.

**APPLICATION**

Paramedics, EMAs

**PROCEDURE**

- The use of assistance in lifting by non EMS personnel is to be discouraged by all staff. The use of a second ambulance should be your first consideration.
- In an emergency situation the need for Fire/Police assistance may be unavoidable.
  - Crews shall assess the situation and notify C.A.C.C. with their request.
  - Crew requests should also be specific in the nature of assistance required. (i.e. Do you require medical assistance from another ambulance or just manpower for a heavy lift.)
  - Crews must ensure all personnel assisting are made aware of the lifting procedure, how to lift and what will be expected of them.
  - Fire/Police assistance should be cancelled immediately if they are not needed.
- Crews should be aware that assistance may not always be available.

**REFERENCE**

Emergency Health Services, Occupational Health Services, 1991, *A Lifting Training Program for Emergency Medical Attendant*

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, *Ergonomics*, Policy & Procedures G.8.5.1.