

Ambulance/Equipment Competency 103 - Simulation

Learner Level

1 & 2



Activity Goal

To prepare EMS Learner(s) for EMS calls by telling them things you need, and asking them to go retrieve them from the ambulance.

*** Completion requires Mentor sign-off on the Ambulance/Equipment Competency Certificate ***

Activity Location:

Station/base

Equipment/Resources Needed:

- 1 service-ready ambulance

Set-Up

To set up for this activity, you will need at least 1 Mentor and 1 Learner at the ambulance, in person. The ambulance should have all the equipment in its designated location. You will also need a list of items commonly used on EMS calls.

Description

Give your Learner a verbal or written list of items you need from the ambulance. Wait some distance away so they are finding the items on their own.

Consider making this activity more fun by timing each attempt and having Learners compete to bring back your listed items quickly and safely. You can also make it a scavenger hunt, with Learners working in teams.

Completion Requirements

To complete this activity, Learners must reliably demonstrate their ability to find the required items. Use your discretion when evaluating your Learners' proficiency. Only sign them off if you think you could trust them to bring you what you need on an EMS call.

Consider returning to Ambulance/Equipment Competency 101 or 102 if the Learner is struggling.

Mentors should indicate how many hours each Learner spent on this activity in the EMS ConnectME Hands-On Activity Hours Tracking Form.

To sign-off your Learner(s) on this activity, fill out your service's Ambulance/Equipment Competency Certificate. Include the Learner's name, issue date, and sign it. Your Learner(s) will then upload a copy to the online Learning Management System. Keep a copy of the certificate in the Learner's personnel file.

Tip: When your Learners are proficient with equipment, you may consider putting this activity into the context of an EMS call. Tell your Learner you are going to a certain type of call (i.e., cardiac arrest, OB emergency, trauma, infectious disease, etc.) and ask them to get you the equipment you will need. Let them think through what that equipment is, and talk it through if they need help.