



**REGION 11  
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM  
POLICY**

Title: School Incidents with Minor Patients
Section: Patient Care
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## **SCHOOL INCIDENTS WITH MINOR PATIENTS**

I. In situations of a report of suspicious illnesses (multiple ill or injured children, i.e., fumes, food poisoning) at a school facility, EMS personnel will assess and treat patients as follows:

A. **Category I:** Patients in facility with actual exposure and one or more children having complaints of illness and/or injury

1. Patients will be assessed and treated according to the Region 11 EMS Protocols with each individual having a completed patient care report.
2. Patients without complaints will be managed as in Category II.

B. **Category II:** Patients in facility with potential exposure/actual exposure and no complaints

1. Document on PCR.
2. The school representative will assume responsibility for the minor patients in absence of the parent/legal guardian and sign a refusal of transport.

C. **Category III:** Patients in facility with no direct exposure and/or complaints

1. Document on PCR.
2. The school representative will assume responsibility for the minor patients in absence of the parent/legal guardian and sign a refusal of transport.

II. In situations of a motor vehicle collision involving a school bus with children on board, EMS personnel will assess and treat patients as follows:

A. **Category I:** A significant mechanism of injury occurred where one or more children have injuries

1. Injured patients will be assessed and treated according to the Region 11 EMS Protocols with each individual having a completed patient care report.
2. Patients without injuries will be managed as in Category III.

B. **Category II:** No mechanism of injury exists that can be reasonably expected to cause significant injuries. There may be patients with minor injuries.

1. Injured patients will be assessed and treated according to Region 11 EMS Protocols with each individual having a completed patient care report.
2. Patients without complaints will be managed as in Category III.



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- C. **Category III:** No mechanism of injury exists that can be reasonably expected to cause injury and the patients have no complaints
1. Document on PCR.
  2. The school representative and/or bus driver will assume responsibility for the minor patients in absence of the parent/legal guardian and sign a refusal of transport.