



# British Columbia Ambulance Service

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## **Emergency Medical Responder Roles and Responsibilities**

Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) are equipped with the basic knowledge, skills and abilities to assess and manage a variety of medical and trauma related emergencies. All BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) paramedics perform emergency procedures for which they have been trained and licensed and are required to practice within the limits of their respective license level.

### **EMRs have the following endorsements**

1. Analgesic
2. Anti-anginal
3. Anti-hypoglycemic
4. Medication administration using PO, SL and Inhalation routes
5. Oximeter usage

### **EMRs have the following skills and knowledge**

1. Airway suction and BVM
2. BP by auscultation/palpation
3. Emergency Childbirth
4. Emergency fracture/immobilization
5. Endorsements
6. IV Maintenance (No Meds/blood)
7. Occupational First Aid
8. Patient handling, packaging and transport skills
9. Soft tissue injury treatment

### **EMRs will also:**

1. Attend briefing sessions/meetings as required and authorized
2. Be responsible for station security
3. Be responsible for vehicle security
4. Check and/or restock the ambulance supplies after each call or shift as required
5. Clean and disinfect the ambulance/ equipment after each call or shift as required
6. Communicate effectively with patients, their family members and associates
7. Complete required forms as directed
8. Drive with due care
9. Inspect the vehicle before and after each shift and immediately report any damage and/or malfunction



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10. Maintain a thorough knowledge of roadways within the geographic area of responsibility
11. Maintain cooperative relationships with other BCAS personnel, members of other emergency agencies and hospital staff
12. Maintain current knowledge of standards, policy and procedure manuals
13. Maintain the station and facilities in tidy and clean working order
14. Undertake training programs to upgrade skills and maintain paramedic certification requirements
15. Work as team members and portray a professional attitude while performing their duties