

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.
Standard Operating Guideline

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I. GUIDELINE:

Employees are prohibited from taking photographs and /or videos of any patient or scene.

HIPAA considers photographs and videos of patients Protected Health Information. Therefore, employees are prohibited from taking photographs and / or videos, digital or any other type, of any patient or the scene of any incident including vehicle accidents.

Violation of this SOG will be considered serious and will result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Exceptions to this SOG are instances where it is necessary for supervisory staff to take pictures of incidents involving County assets and personnel as a part of an official investigation and / or for the creation of an accident / incident report.