

**800.22 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED AMBULANCE VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION.**

All Ambulances Shall:

- (a) have a minimum headroom of at least 60 inches, measured from the floor to the ceiling of the patient compartment.
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  - ~~(1) if placed in service after January 1, 1980 have a minimum of 54 inches headroom in the patient compartment measured from floor to ceiling, or~~
  - ~~(2) if placed in service on or before January 1, 1980, have a minimum of 48 inches headroom in the patient compartment, measured from floor to ceiling;~~
- (b) have a clear interior width to accommodate at least one (1) ~~two~~ recumbent patients with adequate room for an attendant to provide patient care;
- (c) have a patient compartment, longer at the head and foot than the patient carrying device, and must have adequate space to allow an attendant to work at the head of the patient;
- (d) have seat belts on all seats in the driver's and patient compartments, including the squad bench;
- (e) have two-way voice communication equipment to provide communication with hospital emergency departments directly or through a dispatcher, throughout the duration of an ambulance call within their primary operating area. It shall be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission in other than the Citizens Band. Alternate communication systems are subject to approval of the department as being equivalent in capability.
- (f) have a curbside door large enough to allow for removal of a recumbent patient on a stretcher or cot;
- (g) ~~have all ambulances built after July 1, 1990,~~ be equipped with a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system which maintains the patient compartment at approximately 75 degrees Fahrenheit regardless of outside temperature;
- (h) have all cots, medical equipment and supplies ~~and devices used to transport patients~~ secured while the ambulance is in motion. Such capability shall be demonstrated to the department upon inspection. ~~These shall be crash resistant.~~