

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Water Taxi to Penelakut Island

Please also refer to the "Standard Operating Guideline - Water Taxi Transports – General Procedures" draft, January, 16, 2018.

These guidelines are in addition to the above noted General Procedures and Guideline specific to Penelakut Island

NOTE:

1. The RCMP ***WILL NOT*** be attending Penelakut Island unless they are specifically required as per the MPDS and the Call Takers recommendation.
 - When arriving at the Water Taxi dock we ***drive down*** the ramp; when leaving we are to ***back up*** the ramp. This enables the water taxi captain and others to access the parking lot and gates as well as enables us to access the cot and equipment from the ambulance without moving the car.
2. Ensure you bring the following equipment onto the water taxi: Jump Kit, Pediatric Kit, Suction, AED and Airway Kit. There are times when we are diverted to other calls while on the water taxi.
3. If your patient requires a lifting device to exit the water taxi you will require a minimum of (4) four trained crew members to lift the patient off the vessel and then to push the cot ***head first*** up the ramp.
4. Patients in excess of **350 lbs** should not be transported on the water taxi due to weight restrictions. Non-ambulatory patients should first be assessed and treated, followed by a risk assessment to determine if they can be safely lifted off the vessel or if another resource should be called, i.e. Rescue 442.
5. When responding to a call on Penelakut Island we should not go more than 30 meters from the dock. In general, the patient will be brought to us. However, the island now has its own first responder vehicle which is considered safe transportation for us, and a patient. If we are met with the first responder vehicle (which is parked at the Band office just up from the ferry dock), we are then able to go to the scene. If it is a First Responder driving it, they may drive us to the call or we can drive it getting directions from them. The only other time we are to leave the dock is if we are accompanied by the RCMP who have a truck parked at the band office and they can drive us to the call.
We do not respond in personal vehicles.