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**Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

**DEFINITION:**

The vast majority of patients are non-violent, requiring only supportive care & transport. Responder & patient safety are paramount, especially when treating an aggressive or violent patient. **Restraints are to be used only to prevent injury & assure safety of the patient & responders. EMS personnel shall make every effort to preserve the patient's health, safety, and preserve his or her dignity, rights, & wellbeing.** If the patient is overly aggressive when EMS personnel arrive on scene, they shall withdraw to a safe location & request law enforcement (LE). EMS personnel shall not approach or attempt to remove a violent patient from the scene without LE present. In a known violent situation, EMS personnel should stand by until the scene is secured by LE.

**BLS TREATMENT:**

**SCENE SAFETY:** assure safety of yourself and others on scene

**RESTRAINTS:** - apply as needed; assure restraints do not compromise respirations, circulation, and neurological function; reassess & document distal neurovascular status every 15 mins.

**OXYGEN:** as appropriate, goal to maintain SPO2 at least 94%, assist ventilations as necessary

**VITALS:** assess vitals

**BLOOD SUGAR CHECK:** test blood sugar treat as appropriate.

**ALS TREATMENT:**

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**IV ACCESS:** TKO

**MIDAZOLAM:** 2 mg IV push initially. Titrate in 1 mg increments as needed; max dose 5 mg IV/IO.  
5 mg IN or IM if necessary; may repeat once after 10 minutes if necessary.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Methods or other materials applied in a manner that could cause respiratory, vascular, or neurological compromise, including prone restraints shall not be used. Restraints (hand cuffs) applied by law enforcement require the officer's continued presence to ensure patient and prehospital personnel safety. The officer should accompany the patient in the ambulance or follow the ambulance to the hospital.



## POLICY ADULT M14 BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY

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