



Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Operations Manual

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Title: **Medication Protocol:
Haloperidol**

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HALOPERIDOL (Haldol) (Medication Protocol)

ADVANCED EMT

Not Authorized

PARAMEDIC

STANDING ORDER

CLASS: Antipsychotic/neuroleptic

**PHARMACOLOGY/
ACTIONS:** The drug is thought to block dopamine (type 2) receptors in the brain,
altering mood and behavior.

ONSET/DURATION: Onset: (IM) 10-60 minutes Duration: 12-24 hours

**USE IN FIELD/
INDICATIONS:**

- Acute psychotic episodes
- Emergency sedation of severely agitated, aggressive or delirious patients who present a danger to themselves or others

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Hypersensitivity, CNS depression, Combativeness from trauma, Pregnancy, Severe liver or cardiac disease

SIDE EFFECTS: Dose-related extrapyramidal reactions: pseudoparkinsonism, akathisia, dystonias, orthostatic hypotension, allergic reactions, nausea and vomiting, blurred vision.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Other CNS depressants may potentiate effects.
May inhibit vasoconstrictor effects of epinephrine.

ROUTE: IM, IV

DOSAGE:	ADULT	PEDIATRIC (<45 kg)
	2-5 mg IM, or slow IV, repeated prn per medical control	Not authorized for pediatrics without medical control approval

PREGNANCY SAFETY: Category C- give only if potential benefits justifies risk to fetus

COMMENTS: Use caution in patients with suspected head injury.
Administer diphenhydramine for patients with dystonic reaction.
Fluid challenge is indicated with a significant drop in blood pressure.