

## **MEDICAL MIRANDA CARD**

### **Patient Refusal Rights & Information**

In order for a patient to refuse treatment and/or transport, 2 events must occur to protect both the patient and yourself:

1. You must first insure that there are no life or limb threatening injuries or illnesses that would place this patient's life in jeopardy if left untreated.
2. You must give the patient enough information about the decision they are making so that there is an informed consent. You must be satisfied that the patient has understood the risks and options concerning their decision.

VFIS has provided a checklist of patient refusal Information (See below) Instructions. Carefully read their "rights" point by point so that you are certain they understand what they are agreeing to. After reading them their "patient's rights" have them sign your patient refusal form.

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You are refusing medical treatment and/or transport. Your health and safety are our primary concern, please remember the following.

1. Our evaluation and/or treatment is not a substitute for medical evaluation and treatment by a doctor. We advise you to see a doctor or go to a hospital emergency department.
2. Your condition may not seem as bad to you as it actually is. Without treatment, your condition or problem could become worse.
3. If you change your mind or your condition becomes worse please do not hesitate to call us back, by dialing 911. We will do our best to help you.
4. Don't wait! When medical treatment is needed, its usually better to get it right away.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL CONDITIONS \*\*\*\*\***

5. Your condition has been discussed with a doctor at the hospital by radio or telephone and the advice given to you has been issued or approved by the doctor.
6. **FOR MINORS:** Instruct the patient's legal guardian that in this situation they are acting on behalf of the patient and they understand the above information regarding refusal of treatment or transport, and accept responsibility for the patient.