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Thieves target ambulance

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Thieves have targeted an ambulance while its paramedics were busy treating an elderly woman in Sydney's east.

Ambulance equipment and the officers' personal effects were stolen from the vehicle, as it was stopped outside a Clovelly home at about 8pm (AEST) on Wednesday.

"The officers had momentarily left their vehicle to treat their patient and on return to the ambulance they realised that property was missing," a NSW Ambulance spokeswoman said.

"When you attend an emergency your focus is on the patient ... the last thing you think you would be doing is spending the night at the police station filing a report.

"It is pretty despicable that while the officers were treating a patient someone would go and steal from the ambulance."

Wednesday's theft follows an incident in August where satellite navigation equipment was stolen from an ambulance while it was parked outside Liverpool Hospital in Sydney's south.

As paramedics took a patient into the hospital's emergency department, thieves smashed their vehicle's window and took the valuable equipment.

Anyone with information about Wednesday's theft should call Crimestoppers on **1800 333 000**.

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