

JORDAN VALLEY EMS AUTHORITY POLICY

POLICY #:202.2.1.2.1

SUBJECT: BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS CLEANING SCHEDULE

SCOPE: ALL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

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Written Cleaning Schedule

For EMS Units & Equipment

In accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1030 OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Standards

Jordan Valley EMS

Bi-Weekly Cleaning Plan

The following procedures are to be completed on a daily basis by the crew using the EMS unit. It is preferred that these procedures be completed as early in the shift as possible. Documentation of Cleaning is to be noted on the daily inspection form by the crew assigned to that unit.

Standard (non-abrasive) soap and sanitizing solution shall be used on all surfaces unless otherwise indicated. Disposable (single use) gloves are to be worn at all times when cleaning/disinfecting. Single use gloves should be changed often and should be used when indicated.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

1. All benches, seats, cabinets, surfaces, door handles, floors, walls, ceilings and mounted equipment shall be inspected for visible signs of contamination and cleaned and disinfected thoroughly.
2. The stretcher is to be cleaned and disinfected completely, including all moving parts, frame, mattress and wheels. The stretcher should be removed and cleaned behind, including the stretcher lock.
3. All equipment enclosed within cabinets or drawers shall be inspected for signs of contamination and cleaned and disinfected when necessary.
4. All light switches and other switches shall be cleaned and disinfected.
5. All portable equipment shall be inspected for signs of contamination, cleaned and disinfected as necessary. Portable equipment includes, but is not limited to jump kits, drug boxes, IV kits, portable oxygen cylinders, KED's, suction units, cardiac monitors, MAST/PASG, backboards, C-collars, stair chair, straps, head immobilizers, splints, blankets, pillows and radios.
6. All areas to the front of the EMS unit shall be cleaned and disinfected with special attention paid to the door handles, hand controls for driving, switches, seat belts and lights.
7. Documentation of all levels of cleaning and sanitizing are to be kept on the vehicle log.

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BLOODBORNE EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN

EMS UNIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

In order to prevent the spread of potentially infectious substances, appropriate cleaning and sanitizing is a must. Because these substances are frequently present on the interior of the EMS unit, this written cleaning schedule has been developed. It must be understood that the cleaning and sanitizing practices recommended herein are the minimum practices, which are mandatory on a regular basis. If, at any time in an employee's discretion, a more thorough cleaning and disinfection are indicated, the employee is responsible for assuring that it is completed.

This schedule has two phases:

1. Bi-weekly cleaning and disinfecting is to be done on each ambulance. A notation will be made in the bi-weekly disinfectant log when completed.
2. Incident cleaning and disinfecting, to be done after each incident in which a patient is treated and/or transported in an EMS unit and potentially infectious materials are present. Potentially infectious materials include blood and blood products as well as all other body fluids and substances that come in contact with any part or parts of the EMS unit or equipment.

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Post Incident Cleaning and Disinfecting

The following procedures are to be followed after the treatment and/or transport of patient results in contamination or potential contamination of the EMS unit and/or equipment. In accordance with Universal Precautions theory, all services waste, laundry, sharps, equipment and other materials which are exposed to blood or other potentially infectious waste are to be treated as if they are known to be infectious.

Standard (non-abrasive) soap and sanitizing solution shall be used on all surfaces unless otherwise indicated. Disposable (single use) gloves are to be worn at all times when cleaning and disinfecting. Single use gloves should be changed often and properly disposed of in the appropriate receptacles. Eye and body splash protection should be used when indicated.

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