

3.3.1.2 Protective Clothing and Equipment



YOUR ORGANIZATION
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

TITLE: Protective Clothing and Equipment

SECTION/TOPIC: Emergency Medical & Response Risk Management

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These SOPs/SOGs are based on FEMA guidelines FA-197

1.0 POLICY REFERENCE

CFR

NFPA

NIMS

2.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure/guideline addresses selection, use, and disposal of specialized emergency medical protective clothing and equipment (gloves, masks, protective eyewear, gowns, resuscitation equipment, etc.) based upon specific situations.

3.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are pertinent to this SOP/SOG.

5.0 PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

5.1 Selection, use, and disposal of Specialized Emergency Medical Protective Clothing and Equipment based upon Specific Situations: (gloves, masks, protective eyewear, gowns, resuscitation

equipment, etc.)

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

All personal protective equipment used on this department will be provided without cost to employees. Personal protective equipment will be chosen based on the anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials to pass through or reach the employees' clothing, skin, eyes, mouth, or other mucous membranes under normal conditions of use and for the duration of time, which the protective equipment will be used.

Impervious gowns	Mask with wraparound visor
Latex free gloves	HEPA Filter Mask
NFPA 1999 EMS Coat & Pants	

All personal protective equipment will be cleaned, laundered, and disposed of by the employer at no cost to the employees. The employer at no cost to employees will make all repairs and replacements.

All garments, which are penetrated by blood, shall be removed immediately or as soon as feasible. All reusable PPE will be removed and bagged separately for decontamination.

GLOVES:

Gloves shall be worn where it is reasonably anticipated that employees will have hand contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, non-intact skin, and mucous membranes. Gloves will be available on all apparatus that may be responsible for responding to an incident requiring protection. It will be the responsibility of the officer in charge or his/her designee to ensure that ample supply of gloves is available. At the beginning of each workday the location/s should be checked to ensure an ample supply of gloves are available. This supply should be rechecked after every run and re-supplied as needed. Gloves will be worn on all EMS runs and at any other time when contact with body fluids may result.

Disposable gloves used on this department are not to be washed or decontaminated for re-use and are to be replaced as soon as practical when they become contaminated or as soon as feasible if they are torn, punctured, or when their ability to function as a barrier is compromised.

MASK AND EYE PROTECTION:

Mask in combination with eye protection devices, such as goggles or safety glasses with solid side shield, or chin length face shields, are required to be worn whenever splashes, spray, splatter, or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose, or mouth contamination can reasonably be anticipated. Situations on this department, which would require such protection, include but are not limited to, the following:

TRAUMA:	BURNS	BLOOD DRAWS
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- Gun Shot Wounds	ARTERIAL BLEEDS	EXTRICATION INCIDENTS
- Knife Wounds	INTUBATION	
- Motor Vehicle Accident	IV INSERTION	

OUTER GARMENTS:

The OSHA standard also requires appropriate protective clothing to be used, such as gowns, aprons, clinic jackets, or similar outer garments. On this department the following situations require that such protective clothing be utilized, include but are not limited to:

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- Gun Shot Wounds	ARTERIAL BLEEDS	RESCUE INCIDENTS
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On this department, when a caregiver on an incident where a patient or a potential patient has or may have exposed body fluids, Personal Protection Equipment must be utilized.

On this department equipment will be cleaned and decontaminated after every run. IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFICER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO INSURE THAT THIS IS DONE PROPERLY.

Appropriate precautions should be taken to avoid contamination to personnel cleaning and decontaminating equipment. This includes use of personal protective equipment.

Decontamination will be accomplished by utilizing the following materials:

- Bleach 1:10 solution
- Citrus II Hospital Germicidal Deodorizing Cleaner