

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL	
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PURPOSE

To ensure all Ambulances, Emergency Support Units, and patient care equipment follow procedures to maintain a clean and disinfected condition.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, EMAs, Management

PROCEDURE

- 1) Any non disposable equipment used will be cleaned after every call.
- 2) Vehicles and/or patient care equipment is disinfected using the supplied disinfectant as required.
- 3) Once a week, all non sterile equipment and all surfaces of the patient and driver's compartment will be cleaned and disinfected with the supplied disinfectant.
- 4) Daily:
 - a) The crew assigned to a vehicle shall, after each call, bring the vehicle and equipment to a clean and sanitary state. This shall consist of:
 - i) Washing the exterior, including spraying inside of wheel wells, if required;
 - ii) Cleaning the floors, walls, interior glass and surfaces, if required;
 - iii) Remove and wash suction bottle, resuscitation masks, etc., if required; and
 - iv) Clean glass surfaces with glass cleaner, as required; and
 - v) Replace the stretcher with fresh, clean linen if required.
 - vi) if disinfection is required the appropriate method and disinfectant shall be utilized
- 5) Weekly:
 - a) Once every week, each ambulance shall be deep cleaned and disinfected by the crew assigned to that vehicle at a time adopted by Management.
 - b) A deep cleaning shall consist of the following:
 - i) Remove all supplies from each compartment
 - ii) Clean all surfaces in all compartments with the appropriate disinfectant
 - iii) Ensure supplies are clean, sterile (where applicable) and are in working order before replacing in compartment in a neat and orderly manner
 - iv) Polish chrome and glass with glass cleaner
 - v) Replace any soiled or damaged supplies

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- vi) Clean and disinfect all surfaces, including wall, ceiling, etc. with the appropriate disinfectant
- vii) Clean/disinfect resuscitation kit and trauma kit
- viii) Clean/disinfect and check stretcher(s)
- ix) Clean/disinfect and check all equipment for wear and replace worn equipment

REFERENCE

Canada Communicable Disease Report ~ Supplement ~ Infection Control Guidelines

Hand Washing, Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in Health Care ~ December 1998 (*cdr24s8e.pdf on website*)

Routine Practices and Additional Precautions for Preventing the Transmission of Infection In Health Canada (*cdr25s4e.pdf on website*)

Best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in a Health Care Setting, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care/Public Health Division/Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee 2006