

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

110.01.01 EMS PPE PROTECTION



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Purpose: To protect responders during EMS operations.

References: WAC 296-305-02501
WAC 296-823

Procedure:

1. Members who perform emergency medical care or otherwise may be exposed to blood or other body fluids must don emergency medical gloves and eye protection prior to initiating any emergency patient care.
2. Firefighters must don emergency medical gloves, eye protection, and respiratory devices prior to any patient care during which splashes of body fluids can occur such as situations involving spurting blood or childbirth.
3. Firefighter turnout gear and gloves with vapor barriers may be used in lieu of emergency medical gloves and garments.
4. Contaminated emergency medical garments, emergency medical face protection, gloves, devices, and emergency medical gloves shall be cleaned and disinfected, or disposed of, in accordance with chapter 296-823 WAC, Occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens.
5. Firefighters shall be trained in the proper use of P.P.E., exposure protection, post exposure protocols, and disease modes of transmission as it related to infectious diseases.
6. Members shall annually review the infectious disease plan, updates, protocols, and equipment used in the Emergency Medical Protection program.
7. Spokane County Fire District 8 shall comply with chapter 296-823 WAC, Occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens, in its entirety.
8. Responsibilities.
 - a) The infection control officer shall be responsible for establishing personnel exposure protocols so that a process for dealing with exposures is in writing and available to all personnel.
 - b) The infection control officer or his/her designee will function as a liaison between area hospitals and fire district members to provide notification that

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a communicable disease exposure is suspected or has been determined by hospital medical personnel.

- c) The district infection control officer will institute the established exposure protocols immediately after report of an exposure.
 - i. The infection control officer shall follow the confidentiality requirements of chapter 246-100 WAC and the medical protocol requirements of chapter 296-802 WAC.