

# Manhattan Fire Protection District

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide safety and health precautions when an infectious or communicable disease is suspected or when there may be an open wound, active bleeding, signs of infection present, invasive procedures are to be performed or presence of a productive cough or excrement.

## SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to all personnel operating at the scene of any emergency incident or training exercise.

## ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for adherence to this procedure rests with each individual. Company officers (Captains and Lieutenants) are responsible for enforcement of this procedure. There shall be no deviation to the intent of the procedure.

## APPLICATION

Disposable gloves shall be worn when there is a possibility of exposure of body fluids of any type. Also, masks and goggles shall be donned when you have a suspected or documented case of a Bloodborne disease.

Contaminated needles are to be handled with extreme care and should not be recapped. They should be disposed of in a safe manner, i.e., in a puncture-proof container that can be discarded at the hospital. All ambulances shall be equipped with the proper approved containers.

A mechanical device or pocket mask with a one-way valve should be used whenever possible for respiratory assistance or resuscitation. Failure to use the appropriate protective equipment can place you at risk.

Hand washing with soap and water or an approved substitute is to be done after each patient contact regardless of whether or not the patient is suspected of having a communicable disease. An anti-bacterial soap should be used.

Decontaminate all equipment used with the proper disinfectant solution. All ambulances shall be equipped with the appropriate disinfectant equipment.

Clothing contaminated with blood, other body fluids or excrement shall be immediately changed and decontaminated if possible, using proper decontamination procedures as approved by OSHA.

Dispose of contaminated supplies in a plastic bag or container in an approved manner and take to hospital for proper disposal.

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Report all exposures to communicable disease, as well as suspected exposure, to an officer and document it on a MICU Run report.

All personnel shall receive annual training and review of personal protection from infectious/communicable disease.

Chief Signature *Dale VanderBoegh* Date 12/31/97