

SOP: Post-run Ambulance Cleaning and Restocking Procedures

This SOP details the **post-run ambulance cleaning and restocking procedures**, including thorough sanitation of all surfaces and equipment, proper disposal of biohazard materials, replenishment of medical supplies and medications, inspection and maintenance of ambulance readiness, documentation of cleaning and restocking activities, and safety protocols to prevent contamination and ensure the ambulance is fully prepared for the next emergency response. The objective is to maintain a clean, sterile, and well-stocked ambulance to support effective and safe patient care.

1. Scope

This procedure applies to all personnel responsible for cleaning and restocking ambulances following a patient transport or emergency response.

2. Responsibilities

- All EMT/Paramedic crew members are responsible for cleaning and restocking the ambulance immediately after each run.
- Supervisors oversee compliance and ensure documentation is complete.

3. Required Supplies and Equipment

- Personal protective equipment (PPE): gloves, gowns, eye protection, masks
- EPA-approved disinfectant and cleaning supplies
- Biohazard waste bags and sharps containers
- Replacement medical supplies and medications
- Cleaning checklists and documentation forms

4. Procedures

- 1. Preparation**
 - Don appropriate PPE before starting.
 - Ensure patient area is vacant and ventilated.
- 2. Removal and Disposal of Biohazard Materials**
 - Collect and properly dispose of all contaminated materials in biohazard bags.
 - Dispose of sharps in designated sharps containers.
- 3. Thorough Cleaning and Disinfection**
 - Clean and disinfect all surfaces (e.g., stretchers, seats, handles, rails, door handles, equipment, cabinets).
 - Sanitize reusable medical equipment as per manufacturer's instructions.
 - Mop and disinfect the floor if visibly soiled.
- 4. Restocking Supplies and Medications**
 - Replenish all used medical supplies (bandages, airway supplies, IV fluids, etc.).
 - Restock medications per inventory requirements; check expiration dates.
 - Replace PPE as needed.
- 5. Inspection and Maintenance**
 - Inspect equipment for damage or malfunction and report issues immediately.
 - Verify operational status of onboard equipment (e.g., oxygen, suction, defibrillator).
- 6. Documentation**
 - Complete cleaning and restocking checklist.
 - Document any missing/damaged items and corrective actions taken.
 - Submit documentation as required by agency policies.
- 7. Final Safety Check**
 - Ensure doors and cabinets are securely closed.
 - Discard PPE appropriately and perform hand hygiene.
 - Ambulance is ready for the next call.

5. Safety Precautions

- Always wear PPE during cleaning and disposal of potentially infectious materials.

- Avoid cross-contamination by adhering to hand hygiene protocols.
- Report exposures or injuries promptly.

6. References

- CDC Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities
- Agency Infection Control Policies
- Manufacturer's equipment cleaning instructions

7. Revision and Review

- This SOP should be reviewed and updated annually or as needed.