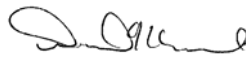
 Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	SECTION: Land Ambulance
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Policy

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) provides staff with guidelines in the event that a staff member, vehicle and/or equipment is contaminated with a noxious, toxic and/or contaminated case or product.

Paramedics and/or Emergency Medical Attendants (EMA) who become contaminated with an industrial product must refer to the *Canutec 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook (Transport Centre)* or appropriate *Safety Data Sheet (SDS)* for specifics. Should these documents be unavailable, the Communications Officer at the Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CCAC) must be consulted.

Procedure

Personal Decontamination

1. If any staff member has, or has cause to believe that he/she has, been contaminated with a bodily fluid or blood product, he/she should:
 - a) flush the affected area with water or saline and/or shower, as necessary;
 - b) remove the contaminated uniform and place it in contaminated waste bags;
 - c) place all other contaminated products in waste bags; and
 - d) have an alternate staff member advise CACC of the situation and potential for delays.

2. If any staff member feels that they may have been contaminated with a contagious product, he/she must complete the above procedures as required and:
 - a) report by telephone to the Duty Officer for direction;

- b) complete a *Land Ambulance Incident Report* and *Exposure Report*, per Policy *LA-3.2, Incident Reports*;
- c) complete Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) documentation as required; and
- d) maintain contact with CACC so that they are aware of the employee and vehicle status.

Vehicle Decontamination

1. Ambulance personnel must take the appropriate safety precautions and wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to avoid contamination of contagious diseases. In the event of Vehicle Cleaning, when conducting deep cleaning staff will:
 - a) advise CACC of potential for delay and estimated time out of service;
 - b) wipe all interior surfaces with disinfectant solution provided;
 - c) dispose of any contaminated waste in waste disposal bags;
 - d) remove and bag any contaminated equipment and/or medical supplies; and
 - e) consult Policy *LA-4.6: Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning* for further information on *Deep Cleaning*.

Equipment Decontamination

1. Ambulance personnel must take the appropriate safety precautions and wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), when handling contaminated items, and will:
 - a) wipe all contaminated equipment with disinfectant solution; and/or
 - b) place all supplies and/or equipment into waste disposal bags and secure in the vehicle, until items can be cleaned; and/or
 - c) upon returning to the Base or other appropriate centre, wash the equipment thoroughly with disinfectant solution, soak as required, or place in the "Dirty" equipment collection bin.

2. CACC must be advised at all times of any anticipated delays as a result of decontamination procedures.

Respiratory Equipment Decontamination

1. Ambulance personnel must take the appropriate safety precautions, and upon completion of a call where respiratory components were used, they will:
 - a) Dispose of all single use respiratory equipment in the appropriate containers (note: most respiratory equipment, airways, nasal airways, BVM's, etc. are single use);
 - b) For non-disposable equipment, disassemble all components of the equipment used;
 - c) place all components in an isolation bag and secure tightly;
 - d) if the vehicle is away from the Base, place those components in a second bag and secure in the vehicle in a suitable location (i.e. exterior compartment);
 - e) remove Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and wash hands; and
 - f) upon returning to the Base, place these items into the "Dirty" equipment collection bin.
2. As soon as possible after completing the call and prior to the end of shift, equipment in the "Dirty" equipment collection bin will be cleaned using a 1/10 bleach solution for a minimum of 10 minutes, followed by soap and water. Specific equipment such as the CPAP may require specific cleaning procedures, please refer to training and manufacturer's instructions. All staff are required to use appropriate PPE during equipment cleaning.