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Policy

Confirmed bed bug presence will be reported to the Duty Officer at the earliest opportunity but no later than the completion of the call, and containment steps taken. Vacuuming vehicles and equipment bags will take place using a dedicated vacuum to be used only for bed bugs. Prior to any vacuuming/cleaning procedures, PPE will be worn including gloves, safety eyewear and isolation gown.

Procedure

1. Remove stretchers, equipment bags/contents and monitor from the vehicle.
2. Remove the vacuum and hose attachment from the clear plastic bag. Check for the presence of a vacuum filter bag as per the labelled location on the vacuum. If the filter bag is not present replace it with the supplied filters.
3. Attach the suction hose to the hose connector outlet on the vacuum. Attach the labelled crevice tool to the end of the suction hose.
4. Turn the vacuum on using the labelled switch on the vacuum. Ensure suction is at a maximum.
5. Using the crevice tool vacuum equipment bags along any seam lines or zippers. Once vacuuming is completed place the bag(s) in a clear plastic bag so that the duty officer may arrange the bag to be taken to the hospital laundry facility where the bag will be placed in a dryer on hot for 30 minutes. A clear substitute bag should be utilized until the original bag can be returned.
6. Vacuum the stretcher mattress along any seam lines using the crevice tool at a 45 degree angle. Once vacuuming is completed, wash the mattress

using normal cleaning procedures with the cleaning supplies currently used by Rainy River District Paramedic Services.

7. When vacuuming the patient compartment or cab areas, use the crevice tool at a 45 degree angle. Vacuum along the bottoms of all walls including around any moldings. When vacuuming upholstery use the crevice tool at a 45 degree angle paying special attention to any seams. After vacuuming is complete, the interior of the vehicle will be washed using normal cleaning procedures with the cleaning supplies currently used by Rainy River District Paramedic Services.
8. Remove the suction hose from the vacuum, cover both vacuum hose ends with supplied clear plastic bags and secure tightly with the supplied elastic bands to eliminate any bed bugs caught in the hose from escaping.
9. Remove the vacuum filter bag from the vacuum and fold it over the filter bag opening. Place the filter bag in a clear plastic bag. Close the bag tightly and place it in a garbage can, dumpster or similar device in a location outside of the building.
10. Remove the elastic bands and clear plastic bags from the hose ends, observe for bed bugs. If bed bugs are present in the bag(s), tie the top of the bag(s) tightly and place it in a garbage can, dumpster or similar device outside of the building.
11. Run hot water through the suction hose for 5 minutes.
12. Replace vacuum filter bag with the supplied filter bag.
13. Place the vacuum and hose in the supplied clear bag and close tightly.
14. Remove isolation suit and place it in a clear plastic bag and label the bag with the supplied "Bed Bug" label.
15. Contact the Duty Officer to inform the bed bug vacuuming is complete. The vacuum will be returned to the equipment storage room.
16. Upon completion of the vacuuming/cleaning the Paramedic completing the cleaning will document the date, time and vehicle number and the name of the person who vacuumed/cleaned the vehicle in the communication log book.