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Section **Safety**	**Referral No.** **S-O2**	**Subject:** **Personal Protective Equipment - Emergency Medical Incidents**	**Date Issued** **11/02**	**Date Revised** **03/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for proper personal protective equipment use at emergency medical incidents
- To define the steps in putting this equipment on.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - Ensure that personnel are properly attired in protective equipment for an emergency medical response.

- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of following the direction of Incident Command at an emergency scene.
  - All personnel have the responsibility of wearing proper safety equipment and operating in a safe manner.

Equipment:

- Department Issued Emergency Medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Medical Gloves
  - Masks
  - Gowns
  - Eye Protection- either safety glasses, goggles or attached to mask
  - Structural Firefighting PPE for auto accident response
- All Emergency Medical Personal Protective Equipment will be department issued unless approved by the Fire Chief
- Any non-departmental PPE will meet applicable NFPA requirements

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Guidelines:

- **Safety is always our first priority**
- Refer to the chart below for guidelines to PPE use:

Recommended Personal Protective Equipment

Task or Activity	Disposable Gloves	Gown	Mask	Protective Eyewear
Bleeding control with spurting blood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bleeding control with minimal bleeding	Yes	No	No	No
Emergency childbirth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Starting an IV	Yes	No	No	No
Endotracheal Intubation	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Oral / Nasal suctioning	Yes	No	No Unless splashing	No Unless splashing
Cleaning instruments or equipment	Yes	No	No	No
Measuring blood pressure	No	No	No	No
Measuring temperature	No	No	No	No
Giving an injection	No	No	No	No

This list is a guideline, if there is a chance of contact with bodily fluids or potentially infectious agents, PPE must be used. PPE is to be donned prior to the initiate patient contact. Hand washing should also be performed following the removal of PPE and completion of patient care activities.

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