

5.0 DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES: VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL

All department personnel and vehicles contaminated with biological hazards will be thoroughly cleaned with a department-approved decontaminant as soon as possible before continuation of/ or return to service.

Decontamination of Vehicles

The manual wash bay at the Service Center can be used to decontaminate vehicles with small exposure. Supplies are in the locker in that bay. The lock is accessed using the entry key for the precinct buildings.

Department employees decontaminating small bio-hazardous areas must utilize the following safety procedures:

~~Protective gloves, masks and face shields~~ must be worn. Body gowns, face shields, and respiratory protections may be used at the employee's discretion.

Utilize supplied disinfectant.

Apply large amounts of disinfectant and allow it to work at least five minutes before cleaning.

Utilize cleaning equipment to clean the spill (rags, towels, tongs, etc.).

Spray the cleaned area lightly with disinfectant and allow to air dry.

Place non-reusable cleaning equipment into red bio-hazardous waste containers.

Notify the training officer of any equipment that needs to be replaced in the cars or supply locker.

Wash hands for at least 30 seconds with soap and hot water.

If it is suspected that a vehicle has been exposed to LICE or other insects:

Take the car out of service at the Service Center. Lock the vehicle and post a note on the driver's window stating the vehicle has been exposed to Lice or other insects. Notify the training office of the contamination.

~~Use the Lice Spray or the Flea/Tick Spray Room to thoroughly cover the affected area.~~

~~Close the car up as tightly as possible and post a note on the driver's window stating date and time sprayed.~~

~~Leave the vehicle out of service until the spray has dried.~~

~~Completely air out the vehicle before operation.~~

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5.01 SHARPS CONTAINERS/NEEDLES

Always pick up sharp objects and needles with tongs if possible.

Do not put used rubber gloves in a Sharps Container.

5.02 DECONTAMINATION OF LARGE AREAS

Seal off the area.

Do not allow access of civilians or employees unless they are processing the scene.

Notify the on-duty supervisor. The type, nature, and ownership of the areas to be decontaminated determines who is responsible.

- For City of Everett vehicles notify MVD.
- For City property and facilities contact the facilities manager at 425-754-6790.
- For open public areas notify Everett Fire
- For private property it is the responsibility of the property owner.

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Notify Everett Fire at (425) 257-8712, or Washington State Patrol at (360) 753-6800.

5.03 DECONTAMINATION OF BLOOD or OTHER POSSIBLE INFECTIOUS MATERIAL /OPIM* ON CLOTHING

Advise on-duty supervisor.

Photograph if practical.

Remove contaminated clothing and wash with soap and water.

If there was a possible biohazard exposure seek medical attention in the ER and follow the disease exposure protocols.

Report to Decontamination Area at Fire Station #1, located at 3610 Rucker. Fire personnel will assist you. Follow instructions of Fire personnel.

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5.04 DECONTAMINATION OF BLOOD or OTHER POSSIBLE INFECTIOUS MATERIAL /OPIM ON SKIN

Immediately wash with disinfectant wipes or gel provided wash with soap and water for 30 seconds, if available. If not, flush with water and disinfect using alcohol-based wash

~~from your patrol vehicle, in the vehicles. As soon as possible, wash the affected area with soap and water for at least 30 seconds.~~

Report the incident to the on-duty supervisor.

If exposure to intact skin is substantial, showering may be advisable.

Seek medical attention at the hospital ER and follow the disease exposure protocols.

Clean any areas that may have been contaminated during clean-up procedures.

~~Fill out a "Hazard/Exposure" form (PD 248) and give it to the on-duty supervisor.~~

***OPIM= Other Possible Infectious Material**

5.05 DECONTAMINATION OF PUNCTURE WOUND OR MUCUS MEMBRANE

Initiate immediate self-care.

Milk the wound or needle stick.

~~Flush the wound and wash with soap and water. Wash the wound with disinfectant or soap and water.~~

~~If exposed in eyes, nose or mouth: Flush eyes, nose or mouth with water or a sterile IV solution. Blow nose without squeezing passages.~~

Be sure to clean fingernails and nailbeds.

Scrub/wash the wound(s) no less than 30 seconds.

~~Seek immediate medical attention at the hospital ER.~~

~~Advise the on-duty supervisor of the incident, and follow the disease exposure protocols located in the disease exposure packet. -~~

~~Fill out a Disease Exposure packet and request an "L&I" form from Human Resources.~~

~~Follow decontamination procedures for any clothing or equipment exposure.~~