

Exposure Control Manual

F. Maintenance of Equipment

Equipment shall be inspected, cleaned, and disinfected daily. Use disinfectant wipes for small equipment and electronics. Larger pieces of equipment, such as backboards, shall be sprayed with a bleach solution (e.g., one-part bleach solution with nine parts water). Allow the equipment to remain wet for a maximum of ten minutes before flushing with water and towel dry.

1. Equipment Returned to Service

a. Reference OSHA [1910.1030 – Bloodborne Pathogens](#).

b. FRD employees must contact the ER charge nurse if grossly contaminated equipment is found in the “clean” holding area at the hospital. If the matter persists, FRD employees are to notify the EMS Supervisor or on duty SAFO.

2. Equipment Cleaning

Equipment used for patient movement or transport (e.g., Reeve’s sleeve, stair chair), must be cleaned and disinfected after each used. Use a bleach solution for a maximum of ten minutes before flushing with water and towel dry.