

**KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD  
POLICY and PROCEDURE**

<b>TITLE: WASHING AND DEEP CLEANING</b>	<b>SECTION: LAND AMBULANCE</b>
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**1. POLICY STATEMENT**

All ambulances will be maintained in a clean manner including exterior, interior and all stock. All stock must be stored in an aseptic manner in preparation for use in a patient care.

**2. PROCEDURE**

2.1 After each call, ambulance staff will clean up any obvious signs of the previous call, such as blood, paper wrappers, and loose or soiled linen, etc.

2.2 At the end of shift, or as required, any vehicle(s) must have the exterior washed completely and the interior cleaned. The ambulance(s) must be acceptable for the following shift, including a full compliment of supplies/stock. Points of special concern when cleaning include:

- a) patient compartment floor, seat, walls, windows, and stretcher.
- b) cab floors, seats, and dash.
- c) interior and exterior windows.
- d) exterior body, chrome, and mirrors.
- e) tires and hubcaps.

2.3 Once weekly, each ambulance must be deep cleaned, adhering to the following:

- a) All supplies and equipment are removed from the ambulance.
- b) Patient care compartment and cab must be cleaned and vacuumed completely. Any damage, marks, or lost items should be noted.
- c) Cleaning fluids such as Simple Green or Windex should be used. Shelves and containers must be free of marks and dirt.
- d) Supplies and equipment previously removed must be inspected, cleaned/replaced or repaired and secured.
- e) All glass/Plexiglas surfaces will be cleaned.
- f) Special note should be given to the following:
  - any damage to oxygen supplies
  - all medical plastics/rubbers must be sealed in zip lock style bags
  - rips/tears should be noted in bandage packages and soiled/ripped packages replaced

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- all equipment/supplies should be placed into the ambulance in a safe and organized fashion
- remove stretcher(s) and clean and inspect release handle, mattress, straps, and linen supplies

2.4 Interior surfaces of ambulances and patient care equipment will be decontaminated immediately following transport of a person known or reasonably suspected of having a communicable disease as listed in the policy and procedure manual regarding the transportation of patients with a communicable disease.