

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

40.02.04
BIO-MEDICAL WASTE
DISPOSAL



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Approved:

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Purpose: The goal of Fire District 8 is to establish safe work practices and procedures for all personnel while they are engaged in the daily performance of their duties.

References: RCW 70.95K

Procedure:

1. Definition.
 - a) Biomedical waste is defined as:
 - i. Any product or substance that comes in contact with body fluids and equipment such as needles, syringes, IV tubing, etc.
2. Bio-Medical Waste Disposal.
 - a) Proper disposal of all biomedical waste must be in compliance with applicable regulations at all times.
 - b) All aid vehicles will be equipped with one sharps container and at least one red biomedical waste bag.
 - c) All disposable materials contaminated by body fluids must be placed in a red biomedical waste bag immediately after care of the patient is completed.
 - d) All sharps (needles, IV catheters, etc.) will immediately be placed in a sharps container.
 - e) A 30-gallon black container with a red liner will be available at each station for disposing of biomedical waste products.
 - f) Biohazard containers shall not be transported in private vehicles.
 - g) Biomedical waste will be picked up at each fire station by an outside company that is regularly scheduled.
 - h) Deviations from this procedure may result in serious injury or illness to Fire District 8 personnel, personnel of other agencies, or patients.