

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

40.03.06
INFECTION CONTROL



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Purpose: To provide uniform procedures and guidelines to be followed when handling materials potentially contaminated by pathogens in accordance with WAC296-823.

References: WAC296-823.

Procedure:

1. The Infection Control Officer in Spokane County Fire District 8 is the Assistant Chief of Operations and in his/her absence the MSO or Physician Advisor will function as the Infection Control Officer. WAC296-305-02501 (8)
2. In general, the EMS provider shall minimize spread of infectious disease by:
 - a) Utilization of body substance isolation (BSI).
 - b) Assuming all blood and body fluids are infectious until proven otherwise through laboratory analysis.
 - c) As a minimum, don protective latex gloves as outlined in the Infection Control Program during all patient contacts.
 - d) Receiving all vaccinations and screening tests offered by their respective agency.
 - e) Reporting all significant exposures to blood and body fluids to the on-duty 820 officer immediately following such exposure.