



Ambulance Cleaning Standards

Area/Item	Frequency	Method	Standard	Responsibility
Equipment - Patient Contact				
Stretcher	After every patient use	Wipe all surfaces that may have come into contact with the patient with detergent wipes, paying particular attention to the side handles and mattress.	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages.	Crew
Carry chair Pulse oximeter probe Scoop stretcher Stethoscope Vehicle patient seats	After every patient use	Wipe all surfaces with detergent wipes.	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages.	Crew

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• BP cuffs • Extrication device • Frac pack straps • Rescue board head block set • Sphyg	After every patient use	Wipe all surfaces with detergent wipes. Equipment must be disposed of as contaminated waste if Velcro becomes contaminated with body fluids.	All parts (pay particular attention to Velcro areas) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages.	Crew
• Rescue board straps • Vehicle seat belts	After every patient use	Wipe all surfaces with detergent wipes. Equipment disposed of as contaminated waste if buckles or non-wipe clean straps become contaminated with body fluids.	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages.	Crew
Linen & single use items	After every patient use	Linen and single use items must be disposed of after every patient use.	Linen and single use items must be disposed of after every patient use.	Crew
Equipment - Non-Patient contact				

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Airwaves equipment • Defibrillator • Equipment bags • Glucometer • Mobile phone • Mobimed • Pen torch • Pulse oximeter unit • Resuscitator • Ring cutter with blade • Ring magnet • Scissors • Suction unit - Electronic • Suction unit – Manual • Lifepak	At least daily and if contaminated.	Wipe all surfaces with detergent wipes.	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages.	Crew
Vehicle Interior - Patient Compartment				
Internal Surfaces (ceiling, sides, cupboards, blinds, brackets, fire extinguisher, grab rails, communications equipment, work surfaces).	At least daily and if contaminated.	Wipe all surfaces with detergent wipes.	All surfaces should be visibly clean and free from body fluids, dust, dirt or adhesive tape.	Crew

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Floor	At least daily and if contaminated	Mop with hypochlorite solution. Significant debris and dust should be vacuumed first.	The complete floor including all skirting and edges are visibly clean and free from dust, dirt or spillages.	Crew
Vehicle Interior - Drivers compartment				
Steering wheel	At least daily and if contaminated	Wipe all surfaces with detergent wipes.	Steering wheel should be visibly clean and free from body fluids, dust or dirt.	Crew
All other internal surfaces	Weekly	Wipe all surfaces with detergent wipes.	All surfaces should be visibly clean and free from body fluids, dust, dirt or adhesive tape.	Crew
External				

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Bodywork, ramp, lights and wheels	At least weekly or more often if driving conditions deem necessary.	Wash with pressure washer and vehicle cleaner.	All surfaces should be visibly clean. If operational pressures prevent thorough cleaning of the exterior, the minimum cleaning standards required to comply with Road Traffic should be met (i.e. windscreen, windows, lights, indicators, reflectors, mirrors and number plates).	Crew
Glass and mirrors	At least weekly or more often if driving conditions deem necessary.	Clean with glass cleaner and cloth.	All surfaces should be visibly clean	Crew