

Appendix 1 - Cleaning standards (ambulance trusts: vehicles)

Vehicle equipment - patient contact

Element	Standard	Cleaning frequency	Comments
Stretchers	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Spinal boards/head blocks	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Carry chair	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Other manual handling equipment	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
All medical equipment e.g. cardiac monitor, defibrillator, resuscitation equipment, forceps	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Mattresses (stretcher)	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Pillows	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Linen	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Wheelchairs	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	After every patient use	
Passenger seat - upholstered	All parts including seatbelts and underneath should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	After every use	Replace seatbelts if heavily contaminated with blood or body fluids Torn or damaged seat covers should be replaced Vacuum Shampoo
Passenger seat - vinyl	Cover should be damage free. All parts including seatbelts and underneath should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages Cover should be damage free	After every use	Replace seatbelts if heavily contaminated with blood or body fluids. Torn or damaged seat covers should be replaced
Medical gas equipment	All parts (including valve and cylinder) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	After every use	Replace single-use items after each use

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Vehicle equipment - Non-patient contact

Element	Standard	Cleaning frequency	Comments
Emergency care solution electronic PRF tablet	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	Daily - and after every use - especially if used while treating patient	
First aid box	All surfaces (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust or dirt	Weekly and after every use if in contact with blood or body fluid	Fabric bags should be laundered or replaced if heavily contaminated with blood or body fluids All bags on ambulances should be made of wipeable material
Hand sets (e.g. radio communication and mobile phones)	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	At least daily - and if contaminated when necessary	
Paper work box	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	Weekly or if contaminated cleaned as soon as practicable	
Rescue/response/kit bags	Fabric bags Wipeable plastic coated bags	Launder dependant on amount of use of item. Heavily used bags should be laundered weekly or monthly. Lesser used bags bi-monthly - Any bag heavily contaminated with blood or body fluids should be disposed of Bags regularly taken into patient areas must be wiped clean after every use - with special attention if contaminated with blood or body fluids Deep-cleaned weekly	
Sharps container	The external surfaces should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	Weekly - or if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	

Vehicle - Internal and external fixed features

Element	Standard	Cleaning frequency	Comments
Overall - appearance exterior	The vehicle exterior should be maintained consistently clean Any presence of blood or body substances is unacceptable	Routine clean weekly - or more often if weather conditions deem it necessary	If operational pressures prevent thorough cleaning of the exterior, the minimum cleaning standards required to comply with Health and Safety Law should be met (i.e. windscreen, windows, lights, indicators, reflectors, mirrors and number plates)
Overall - appearance interior	The area should be tidy, ordered and uncluttered, with only appropriate, cleanable, well-maintained furniture for the area being used Any presence of blood or body substances is unacceptable	Clean between patients Clean daily Deep-clean weekly	Clean all surfaces in contact with patient and those that may have been contaminated Crews should routinely clean the vehicle floor Remove all detachable equipment and consumables

Vehicle - Internal and external fixed features continued

Element	Standard	Cleaning frequency	Comments
Ceiling	All ceiling surfaces should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	Weekly	If contaminated clean as soon as practicable
Clamping track	All parts should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or spillages	Whenever heavily soiled or contaminated with blood and/or body fluids. Weekly	Remove silicone cover prior to cleaning track. Clean cover before returning it to the cleaned track
Cupboards, drawers, shelves	All parts (including interior) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris, stains or spillages	Weekly	If contaminated clean as soon as practicable
Dispenser (e.g. alcohol hand rub, apron, glove, paper towel)	All parts of the dispenser (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	One full clean daily - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	Liquid dispenser nozzle should be free of product build-up and surrounding areas should be free from splashes of product
Electrical switches, sockets, thermostats	All surfaces (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt or adhesive tape	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Equipment brackets	All parts of the bracket (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust or dirt	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Fire extinguisher	All surfaces (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust or dirt	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Floor	The complete floor (including all edges, corners and main floor spaces) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris, stains or spillages	Whenever heavily soiled or contaminated with blood and/or body fluids Daily	
Floor mounted stretcher locking device/chair mounting	All surfaces (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, or debris	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Grab/hand rails	All parts of the rail (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	After every patient clean rails that have been touched Clean all rails weekly	
Heating/ventilation grilles	The external part of the grille should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or cobwebs	Weekly - if contaminated if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Intercom speaker/grille	All parts (including underneath) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	Weekly	

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Element	Standard	Cleaning frequency	Comments
Interior tailgate lift	All parts (including the floor) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris, stains or spillages	Daily - or if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Skylight/sunroof	All surfaces should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt or debris	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Walls	All wall surfaces should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, adhesive tape or spillages	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Window	All interior glazed surfaces should be visibly clean and smear free with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, debris or adhesive tape and should have a uniform clean appearance	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Window blinds	The blind should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	Weekly - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	
Work surfaces	The surfaces should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	Between every patient	
Waste receptacles (clinical and domestic)	The waste receptacle (including lid) should be visibly clean with no blood or body substances, dust, dirt, stains or spillages	Daily - if contaminated clean as soon as practicable	

This list is not exhaustive - see Appendix 8 for a specimen cleaning responsibility framework.