

**SOG #
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Purpose:

To ensure members of the Topsfield Fire Department follow Body Substance Isolation Precautions.

Scope:

The Topsfield Fire Department recognizes the potential for member exposure to infectious diseases. In order to minimize the risk of employee infection, the Topsfield Fire Department practices Body Substance Isolation Precautions. The Infection Control Program is designed to establish Standard Operating Guidelines in regard to patient care. These SOG's provide a minimum level of protection to emergency care providers, First Responders and Emergency Medical Technician Basic. All personnel may exceed these minimum requirements. The EMS Coordinator for the Topsfield Fire Department will also serve as the Infection Control Officer.

It will be the responsibility of this individual to investigate all incidents of Unprotected Exposure, notify all potentially exposed members, awareness that all proper documentation has been done, and to maintain communications regarding this Unprotected Exposure between the Topsfield Fire Department, the transporting ambulance service, and the receiving health care facility.

Unprotected exposure will be defined as:

Contact with any bodily fluids, non-intact skin or body part, and mucous membranes or through inhalation.

When a member of the Topsfield Fire Department sustains an Unprotected Exposure, the exposed area shall be thoroughly cleaned. The firefighter shall notify the Incident Commander of this situation, and report this to the Health care Facility that the patient was transported to via an Unprotected Exposure Form DPH 11/00. These forms are located on the clipboards in Rescue 1 and in the desk in the Watch room. A copy of this completed form will be kept in the individual's Topsfield Fire Department Personnel Record.