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### **EMS EQUIPMENT USE and MAINTENANCE**

All equipment carried on FRD vehicles shall be well maintained and kept in a neat, clean, and operational condition always. All permitted vehicles and those carrying AEDs shall document daily check on the *EMS Equipment Daily Check Log (FRD-205)*.

**All electronic patient assessment, monitoring, or therapy equipment must be removed from service for operational evaluation by manufacturer trained service personnel following falls greater than one foot above ground level and/or a motor vehicle accident involving the unit requiring it to be towed from the scene.**

Notify the EMS supervisor, who will provide a loaner device and complete the EMS e-form to alert EMS Logistics to contact the appropriate vendor to arrange for service and/or repairs.

No equipment belonging to other agencies or departments shall be carried on FRD vehicles.

Unless otherwise specified by the FRD, care and maintenance shall conform to manufacturer's recommendations.

The equipment carried on each type of unit shall be in accordance with the **EMS Vehicle Standards** policy based on VAOEMS and EMS Division standards.

#### **Cleaning and Disinfection**

All equipment shall be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with Chapter 5 of the *FRD Exposure Control Plan*.

The patient care area of each transport unit shall be cleaned and disinfected daily. This shall be documented on the *EMS Equipment Daily Check Log (FRD-205)* in the vehicle equipment log. Guidelines for daily cleaning/disinfecting include:

- Use a general-purpose cleaner for visibly dirty areas and equipment.
- After cleaning, disinfect surfaces with an approved solution, such as commercial disinfectant spray or diluted bleach solution.
- Use a dedicated mop to clean the floors of transport vehicles (such mops shall be labeled "for disinfection only").

After each incident, all equipment that comes in contact with the patient (splints, BP cuffs, safety belts, ECG cables, etc.) shall be visually inspected, cleaned, and disinfected.