

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE



Durable Medical Equipment

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Purpose:

The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) is to outline the position of Brighton Volunteer Ambulance (BVA) regarding the management and maintenance of durable medical equipment.

Scope:

The scope of this document applies to all road staff.

Guideline:

1. Durable equipment includes items that are anything more than single use. Stretchers, Cardiac Monitors, Backboards, Suction Units, Laryngoscope handles, etc.
2. Staff are expected to properly disinfect items with provided cleaning supplies and replace any disposable parts to keep and maintain units in service
3. Disposable items
 - a. A Mac or Miller blade is an example of a disposable item, despite being used with durable medical equipment. Items such as this will be disposed of in the proper receptacle, and be replaced as needed
4. Launderable items
 - a. Staff will wash ambulance linens in the appropriate washer and dryer, specifically labeled for use with items from the ambulances. Routine laundry should be completed in accordance with SOG 107, On Shift Responsibilities
5. Soiled uniforms
 - a. Will be cleaned or replaced depending on the amount of damage

This document supersedes any documents on the topic dated prior to the effective date noted above.