



Biohazards and Personal Protective Equipment Policy

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Purpose: To establish guidelines for hazards/bio-hazard safety and the use of personal protective equipment.

Justification: Death scenes may contain unknown biohazards and other hazards; it is vital that the investigator has the proper personal protective equipment and is properly trained in its use.

Policy:

1. Personal Protective Equipment may be referred to as PPE.
2. All personnel will follow guidelines set forth by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration 29 CFR 1910.1030.
3. All investigative staff will be issued and required to maintain the following personal protection equipment:
 - a. Disposable Gloves
 - b. Shoe/Boot Covers
 - c. Full Body Tyvek Suits
 - d. Eye Protection/ Safety Glasses
 - e. N95 Respirators
 - f. Naloxone Kits
 - g. Reflective Safety Vest

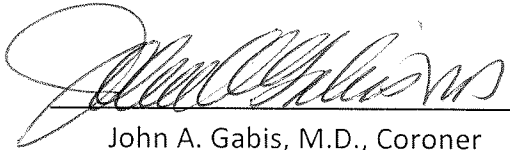
(Note: Reflective Safety Vests are to be worn at all traffic fatalities or whenever an investigation is near moving vehicles that create a hazard to comply with Federal Rule 23 C.F.R. Part 634 – Worker Visibility (High-Visibility Vests) and OSHA standards – 29 CFR 1910.132(d), 29 CFR 1926.201(a).

4. While performing scene exam and external exam on suspected drug overdose deaths, the investigator will wear gloves, eye protection and facemask/N95 Respirator. The investigator should also limit the amount of exposed skin. ***Seek immediate medical***

attention for any direct exposure of unknown product. If *symptomatic of opioid exposure, either self-administer or have trained personnel administer Naloxone 2mg Intranasal-Repeat as necessary. *Caution: Fentanyl Analogs may require several doses of Naloxone to reverse the effects, if symptomatic have EMS respond immediately.

5. Law Enforcement will be made aware that our investigators have Naloxone available in their scene bags in case an incident occurs and the investigator is incapacitated.
6. The Naloxone shall be used for any individual exposed and in need of reversal medication.
7. All investigative staff personnel will be trained annually in the use of the above PPE.
8. All investigative staff personnel will be trained annually on blood borne pathogens.
9. Hepatitis B vaccinations will be made available to all investigative staff at no cost.
10. All known exposures will be reported as per Policy# 14-0703-1 Contagious Disease Reporting Policy. .

This policy has been approved and is effect until further notice:


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Date