

Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures
Exposure Control Program
210.08
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POLICY

It is the goal of the Tempe Fire Department to adequately protect all of its members from the risk of communicable diseases, not only during emergency incidents but also in all work environments.

The Tempe Fire Department recognizes the potential exposure of its members to communicable diseases in the performance of their duties. In the emergency care setting, the infectious disease status of patients is frequently unknown by fire department personnel. All patients must be considered infectious. Blood and body fluid precautions must be taken with ALL patients.

In pursuit of this goal, the following Exposure Control Plan (ECP) is provided to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens in accordance with OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.1030, "Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens."

The ECP is a key document to assist our members in implementing and ensuring compliance with the standard, thereby protecting our members. The ECP includes:

- Infection Control Officer (ICO) (210.08A)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (201.08B)
- Infectious Diseases Exposure Prevention (210.08C)
- Disinfection and Decontamination Procedures (210.08D)
- Exposure Reporting Procedures (210.08E)
- Exposure Control Program Training (210.08F)

If it is determined that revisions need to be made, the ICO will ensure that appropriate changes are made to the ECP.

The methods of implementation of these elements of the standard are discussed in the subsequent pages of this ECP.