

Minimum Equipment

OP-001143

I. SCOPE / PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of Armstrong Ambulance’s policy on minimum equipment for ambulances is to ensure that each of Armstrong’s vehicles that are in current operation are equipped and ready to respond to a call at any time.

II. POLICY

- A. All Armstrong ambulances are equipped to provide care at the level of service for which the vehicle is intended, with medical equipment that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements set by the Statewide Treatment Protocols and the appropriate service zone plan.
- B. When responding to a call, all Armstrong EMS vehicles will carry the minimum equipment and supplies required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Administrative Requirements AR-5-401 and AR-5-402. Armstrong’s vehicle checklists are created using these specifications.
- C. All equipment shall be maintained in working order at all times in accordance with the equipment manufacturer’s specifications.

III. PROCEDURE

All Armstrong-owned ambulances are stocked using the quantities indicated on the appropriate Vehicle Checklist. This checklist details all of the equipment that should be stocked in the ambulance at the correct amounts for each piece of equipment.

- Equipment categories include, but are not limited to:
 - Oxygen / Oxygen Delivery Equipment
 - Ventilation Equipment
 - Suction
 - Stethoscope
 - Blood pressure cuffs
 - Bandages
 - Splints
 - Spinal Immobilization Equipment
 - Defibrillator
 - OB Delivery Kit
 - Hospital Communication Equipment
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Medications
 - Restraints
- All Armstrong ambulances contain medical equipment for both adult and pediatric patients.


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REFERENCES: Department of Public Health Administrative Requirements AR-5-401
 Department of Public Health Administrative Requirements AR-5-402
 Armstrong BLS checklist;
 Armstrong Chair Car checklist;
 Armstrong ALS Non-Transporting checklist;
 Armstrong ALS Transporting checklist.

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