

Section 3 – Health and Safety

New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

3.1 Infectious Diseases

ADMINISTRATION

STANDARD 3.1

The agency has a written directive that addresses infectious diseases to include prevention and post exposure response. The directive will address the following at a minimum:

- A. The designation of a position responsible for the coordination of the infectious diseases policy/procedures;**
- B. Precautions associated with public safety personnel in the performance of their duties;**
- C. Protective equipment;**
- D. Reporting procedures for possible exposure;**
- E. Provisions for disposal of contaminated materials;**
- F. Provisions for medical care;**
- G. Training; and**
- H. Record keeping confidentiality.**

Commentary:

It is the responsibility of the agency to take all reasonable measures to assist its members in performing their duties in a safe and effective manner. HIV/AIDS, hepatitis viruses, other viruses, and communicable diseases may be contracted through exposure to infected blood, several types of bodily secretions, and contact with contaminated materials. It is necessary to continuously provide employees with information and safety equipment to prevent and minimize their risk of exposure, and to implement post exposure reporting, evaluation and treatment for all members exposed to these diseases. The agency must ensure that the directive is compliant with OSHA and Public Employee's Safety and Health (PESH) requirements. PESH requirements are found in 12NYCRR Parts 800-830.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interview(s) with agency personnel responsible for the communicable disease program to verify their understanding of and compliance with this standard.
3. Interview(s) with agency personnel to verify their knowledge and understanding of the directive.
4. Review of agency training records related to this standard.
5. Observation of protective equipment.