



Houston Health Department Minimum Equipment for Ambulances

BLS		Portable oxygen cylinder w/ regulator	1	Triage tags	10
Vehicle Requirements	Quantity	Adult nasal cannula	1	Cold pack	2
Current Registration	-	Pediatric nasal cannula	1	Heat pack	2
Name of service on both sides	-	Infant nasal cannula	1	Emergency blanket	2
No smoking signs in front and rear	-	Adult non-rebreather or simple mask	1	Alcohol swabs or topical antiseptic towelettes	20
Tires in good condition	-	Pediatric non-rebreather or simple mask	1	Pediatric dosing	1
Doors in acceptable condition	-	Infant non-rebreather or simple mask	1	OB kit w/ baby bunting and bulb suction	1
All items stored securely	-	A device capable of providing non-invasive positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV) (CPAP or BiPAP)	1	Cardiovascular Care	Quantity
Dome lights high/low	-	BVM infant - adult	1 ea	AED w/ no errors	-
Seat belts front/rear	-	OPA's infant - adult	1 set	Spare battery	1
Emergency lights	-	NPA's infant - adult	1 set	Adult & pediatric or combination defibrillation pads	-
Siren	-	Portable suction device	1	Medications	Quantity
Vehicle horn	-	Suction catheter (5 or 6, 8 or 10, 12 or 14, 16 or 18)	1 each	Epinephrine auto injector pediatric and adult	1 ea
Vehicle lights	-	Mounted suction w/ intact cannister	1	or	-
Windshield free from obstructions	-	Trauma & Bandaging	Quantity	Epinephrine 1:1000 vial or ampule	2
communication equipment	-	Commercial arterial tourniquet	1	1cc syringe w/ needle	2
Steps and body free from major damage	-	Sterile 4x4's	25	Filter needle if using ampule	2
Positive locks on cabinets and seats	-	Gauze sponge (non-sterile)	2	Other medications per protocols w/ appropriate delivery devices	-
Free from electrical hazards	-	Adhesive bandage	1 box	ALS	-
Clean equipment patient area	-	Adhesive tape	1	Intubation & Airways	Quantity
Documentation	Quantity	Occlusive dressing/chest seal	2	Adult chest decompression needle 14gx3.25" or larger or other commercially available size	1
Vehicle is listed on vehicle information page	-	Fluid for irrigation of wounds	1	Pediatric chest decompression needle 14gx1.5" or shorter	1
Current TDSHS vehicle authorization	-	Elastic (ACE) bandage	2	Continuous waveform capnography	1
Current proof of insurance	-	Infection Control	Quantity	Infant chest decompression needle 23gx0.75" or smaller	1
CoH ambulance service permit	-	Waterless hand cleanser	1	Magill forceps	1
CoH ambulance driver's permit	-	Mounted sharps container	1	Supraglottic airway devices infant - adult (optional)	1 ea
Current protocols	-	Emesis bag or basin	2	If not using supraglottics:	-
Safety Equipment	Quantity	Urinal or bedpan	1	Laryngoscope handle & blades (size 0-4)	1 ea
Emergency road triangles or non flammable reflective devices	3	Biohazardous materials collection bags	1	ET tubes (3.0-9.0)	1 ea
Fire extinguisher- mounted, tagged, accessible from patient area	1	Disinfectant wipes or solution	-	Medication delivery & vascular access	Quantity
Flashlights with extra batteries	1	Examination gloves	-	Isotonic crystalloid fluids per protocols	-
Reflective vests	2	Eye protection	2	Administration tubing (macro & micro)	1 ea
Transportation, Immobilization and splinting	Quantity	Gown	2	Pressure infusion cuff or other rapid infusion device	1
KED or shortboard	1	Surgical masks	2	Mucosal Atomizer (MAD)	1
Long spine board	1	N95 Masks	2	Other Medications per protocols w/ appropriate delivery devices	-
Cervical collars infant-adult	1 ea	Trash bag	2	MICU	-
Stretcher	1	Vitals & Diagnostics	Quantity	MICU equipment & medications	Quantity
Stair chair or mega mover	1	Glucometer w/ test strips & disposable lancets	1	Cardiac monitor w/ lead ECG acquisition and transcutaneous pacing	-
Pediatric restraint system	1	Pulse oximeter with infant - adult capabilities	1	Extra batteries for monitor	-
Extremity splint	2	Stethoscope	1	Extra paper	1
Femoral (traction) splint	1	Blood pressure cuffs infant - adult	1	Electrodes	1 set
Pelvic splint	1	Thermometer (w/ covers if oral)	1	Specialized equipment per protocols	-
Oxygen & Suction	Quantity	Miscellaneous	Quantity	Other Medications per protocols w/ appropriate delivery devices	-
Mounted oxygen cylinder (<200 PSI)	1	Trauma shears	2		

