

MOUNTAIN-VALLEY EMS AGENCY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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TITLE: Frostbite (Pediatric)

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FROSTBITE - PEDIATRIC

- I. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- II. PURPOSE: To serve as a patient treatment standard of EMTs and Paramedics within their scope of practice.
- III. PROTOCOL: Skin is white or cyanotic, numb or burning, and does not re-color with touch.

STANDING ORDERS	
ASSESS	CAB
EVALUATE	All exposed at-risk body parts.
WARMING PROCEDURES	Move patient to warm environment and wrap affected extremity with thick, unwarmed blanket or clothing. Do not rub affected extremity. Avoid chemical heat packs, radiant heat, or forced-air heating.
IV/IO ACCESS	Warm IV fluid, TKO with microdrip tubing and volume control chamber. Avoid cold fluids.
PAIN MANAGEMENT	Refer to Pain Management Protocol 555.43