Occupational Risks
Emergency Medical Technicians work directly with patients, with the goal of providing healthcare and
ensuring patient safety. It is a position with a great deal of responsibility.
As with any healthcare position, there are certain occupational risks that come into play with being an
Emergency Medical Technician, and those hazards, include, but are not limited to: x Exposure to Infectious Diseases x Sharps Injuries x Bloodborne Pathogens and Biological Hazards x Chemical and Drug Exposure x Latex Allergies x Stress
There are protections set up with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and those protections
are particularly important within a healthcare environment. OSHA has a series of standards that protect
the safety of healthcare workers and patients.