



St. James-Assiniboia School Division
Safe Work Procedure
Bloodborne pathogen clean-up precautions

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Hazards Present: Possible exposure to blood-borne pathogens: HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, MRSA, and other transmittable diseases	PPE or Devices Required: Gloves are essential, Consider a gown and protective eyewear in case of any splashing	Recommended Training: WHMIS 2015
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NOTES: In the workplace, precautions must be followed when workers are exposed to blood and certain other body fluids. According to CCOHS (Canadian Centre for Occupational Health, and Safety) the following bodily fluids DO NOT require these precautions: feces, nasal secretions, sputum, sweat, tears, urine, vomit, and saliva (except in a dental setting where saliva is likely to be contaminated by blood). Dilute disinfectant according to label.

Safe work procedure:

- Section off the spill area.**
- Bring the following equipment to the area: germicidal detergent, gloves, garbage bags, sharps containers (if necessary), brush, dustpan, tongs or forceps if picking up sharps.
- Wear the required PPE**
- Initial Clean-up**
- Spray with disinfectant any glass, needles, or other sharp objects, condoms, or any other items that may be contaminated by blood. They must be picked up by using tongs, brush and dustpan. If there are no glass, needles, or other sharp objects, condoms, or any other items that may be contaminated by blood disregard this step.
- Cover the spill area with a freshly mixed germicidal detergent and water solution. Allow the solution to soak into the contaminated material and let it soak for ten minutes. Work from the outside edges of the spill inward when applying the germicidal detergent. Pick up solution using appropriate cleaning equipment (mops for large amounts, rags or wipes for small amounts).
- Clean twice**
- Cover the area again with germicidal detergent and water solution. Allow the solution to dwell for ten minutes. Pick up solution using appropriate cleaning equipment (mops for large amounts, rags or wipes for small amounts).
- Clean one more time**
- Cover the area again with germicidal detergent and water solution. Pick up solution using appropriate cleaning equipment (mops for large amounts, rags or wipes for small amounts).
- Place material, mop heads, gloves, rags, and all disposable materials into a plastic bag. Place that plastic bag in another plastic bag and dispose of immediately
- Decontaminate mop handles using germicidal detergent.
- Check.**
- Do a last check of your body for any contamination. Whether blood managed to splash onto your shirt or the back of your elbow, it's important to recognize if you've been exposed. It is strongly recommended that you have a colleague assist you with this step of the procedure. If you believe you were exposed to blood-borne pathogens, wash the affected area with plenty of soap and water. Seek medical attention. Call Health Links at 788-8200
- Wash your hands.**
- Report.**
- Report the incident to your supervisor immediately following the cleanup.

Guidance documents:	Employee name:
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Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health regulation

- 2.1 Safe Work Procedures
- 6.1 Personal Protective Equipment
- 35 Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems

St. James-Assiniboia School Division Policy:

- EBB-R Safe Work Procedures
- EBBA Personal Protective Equipment
- EBBAB-R Managing hazardous chemicals/materials

Employee signature:

Date of review:
