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COMPANY PROCEDURE		
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Safety

When cleaning up blood from an injury or incident it is important that you use the appropriate PPE for the clean-up and assisting the injured employee.

Purpose

Many personnel are concerned that diseases may be spread through contact with blood and other bodily fluids when an accident occurs at work. It is good hygiene policy to treat all spills of body fluids as infectious in order to protect personnel from becoming infected with any germs and viruses – blood-borne pathogens. This procedure offers protection and should be followed routinely.

Procedure

1. In the event of an injury, assist the employee and contact the appropriate personnel.
2. Whenever possible, shall wear disposable, waterproof gloves when they expect to come in direct hand contact with bodily fluids (when treating bloody noses, handling clothes soiled by incontinence, or cleaning small spills by hand).
3. Gloves and all materials used to assist the injured employee and/or to clean shall be placed in a plastic bag or trash can liner, secured and marked for disposal.
4. Wearing latex or other waterproof gloves (and additional PPE if needed) clean the area soiled with body fluids with a germicide - ¼ cup of bleach to one gallon of water. Mop heads, rags and towels used in the clean-up shall be placed in a plastic bag and marked for disposal. If a mop bucket is used, the disinfecting solution should be promptly down the drain.
5. For quantities of bodily fluids that do not exceed 25 ml, the plastic bag may be placed in the garbage.
6. For quantities of bodily fluids the exceed 25 ml, the plastic bag shall be placed in a Bio-hazard container, and sealed. Call the phone number on the container to pick up the container and deliver a replacement.
7. For personal clothing soaked with body fluids, these should be removed as soon as possible and treated separately from other items. Wash separately with bleach in the wash cycle, for material that is not colorfast use non-chlorine bleach about ½ cup to the wash cycle.
8. Uniforms contaminated with bodily fluids should be place in a plastic bag and marked appropriately for cleaning by the uniform vendor.
9. Vigorously and thoroughly wash with soap and water your hands and arms if they came in contact with bodily fluids