

# Procedure 5-4

## Handling an Exposure Incident During a Manicure

### IMPLEMENTS AND MATERIALS

- Disposable gloves
- Cotton
- Antiseptic
- Bandages
- Plastic bag
- Biohazard sticker (optional depending on laws)
- Liquid soap
- Nail brush
- Disposable paper towels
- Sharps box (optional depending on laws)

Should you accidentally cut a client, calmly take the following steps:



- 1** Immediately put on gloves unless you already have them on and tell your client what has occurred. Apologize and proceed.



- 2** Apply slight pressure to the wound with cotton to stop the bleeding and then clean with an antiseptic.



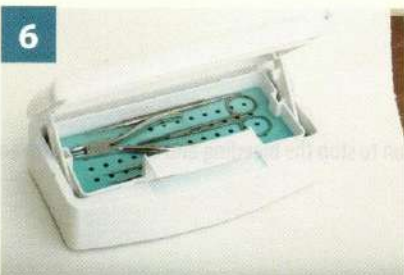
- 3** Apply an adhesive bandage to completely cover the wound.



- 4** Remove any implements that may have been contaminated, placing them in your container for “dirty” items. If surfaces were contaminated, spray or wipe with approved disinfectant and allow to sit for the contact time listed on the product label.



- 5** Discard all disposable, contaminated objects, such as wipes or cotton balls and your gloves, in a plastic bag. Place the plastic bag in a closed trash container with a liner bag. Deposit sharp disposables in a sharps box. Dispose of trash items and sharps containers as required by state/local law.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water. Put on a new pair of gloves before you return to the service. Remember to dry any surfaces sprayed with disinfectant and always use new implements to replace those that were contaminated. Recommend that the client see a physician if any signs of redness, swelling, pain, or irritation develop.



- 6** After the service has completed, thoroughly clean and disinfect all tools and implements used during the service. Completely immerse tools and implements in an EPA-registered hospital disinfectant solution for 10 minutes.

## ■ Review Questions

1. What is the primary purpose of regulatory agencies?
2. What are SDSs? Where can you get them?
3. List the four types of organisms that are pertinent to nail technology.
4. What is a contagious disease?
5. Is HIV a risk in the salon? Why or why not?
6. What is the difference between cleaning, disinfecting, and sterilizing?
7. What is complete immersion?
8. List at least six precautions to follow when using disinfectants.
9. How do you know if an item can be disinfected?
10. Can porous items be disinfected?
11. What are Standard Precautions?
12. What is an exposure incident?
13. Describe the procedure for handling an exposure incident in the salon.
14. List the steps for cleaning and disinfecting whirlpool foot spas and air-jet basins after each client.