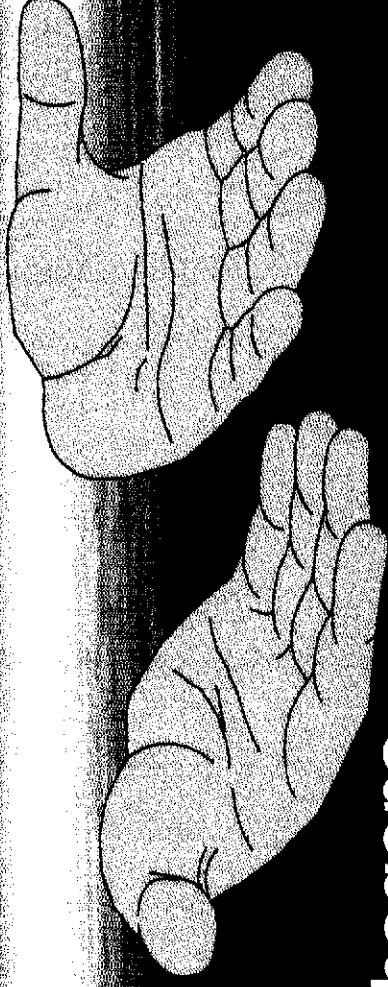


Blood borne Pathogens

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BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS



Definitions:

Bloodborne Pathogens

Micro-organisms that are present in bodily fluids, such as human blood, that can infect and cause disease in persons who are exposed.

Contaminated

The presence or the reasonably anticipated presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials on an item or surface.

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Decontamination

The use of physical or chemical (bleach and water solution) means to remove, inactivate or destroy bloodborne pathogens on a surface or item to the point at which they are no longer capable of transmitting infectious particles.

Occupational Exposure

Reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane or material.

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Personal protective equipment

Clothing or equipment (such as gloves, rain suits, mouthshields) worn by an employee to protect them from a hazard.

Regulated Waste

Liquid or semi-liquid blood or other potentially infectious materials; contaminated items that would release blood or other infectious material that are caked with dried blood or other potentially hazardous material.

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Universal precautions

A method of infection control in which all human blood and certain bodily fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV and other bloodborne pathogens.

Work practice controls

Controls that reduce the likelihood of employee exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials by altering the manner in which a task is performed.

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

Precautions shall be observed by each employee with occupational exposure to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials. All body fluids shall be considered infectious.

Special attention to clean up shall take place. And Personal Protective Equipment shall be worn.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Employees shall wash their hands and any exposed skin with soap and water immediately or as soon as feasible following contact of such body areas as may be contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials.

All cleanup procedures involving blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be performed in such a manner as to minimize splashing, spraying, spattering, and generation of droplets or these substances.

INFECTIOUS MATERIAL

HANDLING

Any potentially infectious materials shall only be placed in containers which prevent leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport and shipping.

Proper containers shall be properly coded and colored to transport contaminated materials.

Cleanup kits shall be used to clean items or equipment and surfaces that are exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Personal Protective Equipment includes gloves, protective clothing, rain suits, face shields or masks, and eye protection.

Upon removal personal protective equipment shall be placed in an appropriately designed area or container for storage, washing, or disposal.

HEPATITIS B SHOTS

Hepatitis B vaccine will be made available to all employees assigned to duties involving occupational exposure.

This will be at no charge to the employee.

If an employee has been exposed to bodily fluids and declined receipt of the vaccine the employee will be required to sign a release.

The form is in tab 7 page 16 of the Safety Procedures and Programs Manual.