

POLICY MANUAL

Subject: Blood and Body Fluid Spills

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POLICY:

In order to minimize the spread of potential hazardous infections, the following procedure will be followed to clean up an accidental spill. Any body fluid such as blood, urine, vomit and feces that is found on floors or hard surfaces is considered a spill.

PROCEDURE:

1. Spill kits are available in Medical Services, department offices, as well as Support Services.
2. When a spill is detected, the area should immediately be secured to prevent the fluid from spreading.
3. A spill kit should be obtained and instructions in the kit should be followed. All items necessary for cleanup are contained within the kits. Instructions are as follows:
 - A. Put on disposable gloves.
 - B. Sprinkle powder over the spill to congeal the liquid.
 - C. Remove gelled material using the scoop and scraper and place in a biohazard bag.
 - D. Disinfect the area with germicidal solution.
 - E. Place contaminated materials (soiled clothing, gloves, scoop, scraper and bag) in a red biohazard bag.
 - F. Wash hands.
4. If the spill is larger than can be accommodated by the spill kit, notify Housekeeping or the charge nurse of the situation.