

CLEANING BODY FLUID CONTAMINATION

STANDARDS PROCEDURES

Standard procedures should be in place at each facility/center to guide staff and inmates when cleaning up after an accident or injury and for cleaning areas potentially contaminated with blood or other body fluids. These procedures include:

1. Wearing Gloves.
2. Cleaning up blood and body fluid spills on environmental surfaces soon after the spill with a disposable towel and a freshly prepared solution of household bleach and water (1 part household bleach to 9 parts water) or other disinfectant.
3. Placing blood-soaked (or body fluid) items that are disposable in a sturdy plastic bag (red); sealing and marking the bag with "Blood and Body Fluid Precautions." Persons disposing of the plastic bag should wear gloves.
4. Persons cleaning up spills or handling contaminated items should wash their hands after such activities even if they have been wearing gloves.
5. Clothes and linens contaminated with body fluids should be placed in a water soluble bag then in a plastic bag and laundered separately. Persons handling contaminated clothing should wear gloves.
6. Persons whose clothes have been contaminated with body fluids should be placed in a water soluble bag then in a plastic bag and laundered separately. Persons handling contaminated clothing should wear gloves.
7. Any person that has had a significant exposure (splashing of a body fluid into the eye, mouth or an open lesion; puncture with an item contaminated with the body fluid into the eye, mouth or in open lesion; puncture with an item contaminated with body fluid; or bite) should consult with the health service unit staff immediately regarding the exposure and follow-up recommendations.