



BLOOD SPILLAGE POLICY

Policy:	Blood Spillage Policy
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Jan 2021	David Jackson	Formatting updated. 1.1 Health carer worker replaced with person. 2.2 and 3.1 Updated to include PPE. 2.3 and 3.1 Clinical bin added in addition to bag. Removal of appendix 1. 3.3 includes reference to relevant point instead of reference to above and updated. 4.1 Updated reference to site team.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Dealing with spills of blood or other body fluids may expose the person to blood-borne viruses or other pathogens. This policy outlines a safe procedure for dealing with spillages and should be read in conjunction with other policies as directed. Employers have a duty to protect workers from hazards encountered during their work: this includes microbiological hazards.

Body fluids include:

- i. Blood
- ii. Respiratory and oral secretions
- iii. Vomit
- iv. Faeces
- v. Urine

2 Routine Safety Procedures

2.1 General

Deal with any spillage of blood/body fluids immediately. Care must be taken to avoid contact with the skin during the cleaning and disinfection of spillages; protective gloves must be worn. Staff dealing with spillages of blood/body fluid should be vaccinated against hepatitis B virus.

2.2 Protective Clothing

Wear appropriate PPE equipment.

2.3 Clinical Waste

Always dispose of contaminated waste in clinical waste bags or bin.

2.4 Handwashing

Always wash hands after dealing with spillages or contaminated waste.

2.5 Disinfection of Blood and Body Fluid Spills

An appropriate disinfectant should be used to clean the area once the spillage has been cleared.

3 Methods of Treating Body Fluid Spills

3.1 Type of Spill:

Blood and visibly blood stained fluid (except urine and vomit)

- i. Wear appropriate PPE in accordance with training provided.
- ii. Cover with paper towels and discard into clinical waste bag/bin
- ii. Clean the area with neutral detergent and water.
- iii. Always clean and disinfect the equipment used to deal with the spillage and discard into clinical waste bag/bin.

Urine or Vomit spill

- i. Wear appropriate PPE in accordance with training provided.
- ii. Absorb the spill using paper towels.
- iii. Remove paper towels and discard into clinical waste bag/bin.
- iv. Disinfect the area using appropriate disinfectant solution in accordance with training provided.
- v. Always clean and disinfect the equipment used to deal with the spillage and discard into clinical waste bag/bin.

3.2 Always wash your hands after dealing with spillages.

3.3 Carpeted Areas

Where spillage has occurred in a carpeted area, treat as outlined in 3.1.

The carpet should then be cleaned using a carpet suction cleaner after the spillage has been treated.

4 Responsibility for Dealing with Spillages

4.1 Spillages will generally be dealt with by site staff.

Trained first aiders may also be responsible for dealing with spillages in the first aid room or at the spillage scene when appropriate where a member of the site team are not available.