

BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

SAFETY TALK

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Accidents happen. That's why the OSHA blood-borne pathogen standard establishes minimum requirements for preventing infectious exposure. Be prepared by training your employees on how to clean up blood or other body fluids and exposed equipment.

WHAT TO HAVE ON HAND

1. Protective gloves and booties
2. Protective eye wear including a face mask and face shield
3. First-aid kit with protective mouth-to-mouth breathing tube
4. Biohazard spill cleanup kit
5. Bleach (mix with ½ gallon of water to sanitize equipment)

CHECKLIST

- Are the above supplies available at all work sites?
- Are you wearing latex gloves, protective eye wear, or other barriers to clean up body fluids?
- Do you have scoops or tools to pick up contaminated materials?
- Have you read the instructions on the spill cleanup kit for the correct way to dispose of contaminated equipment?
- Has a visual inspection of the cleaned surfaces been conducted and appropriate sanitizers applied?
- Has the cleaned equipment been allowed to air-dry before reuse?
- Have you double checked the equipment for cleanliness?
- Have you washed your own hands after cleaning up the spill?

Remember, it is essential to avoid direct contact with all body fluids. Treat all blood and body fluids as if they are infected with blood-borne pathogens.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What is our company's blood-borne pathogen policy?
2. When and where are our employees most at risk of coming into contact with blood or other body fluids?
3. Are there any specific points or problems you wish to discuss?

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