

IC9:0400 BLOOD/BODY FLUID SPILLS: CLEAN UP PROCEDURE

1.0 STANDARD

All Staff must use Routine Practices and follow Biomedical Waste Management procedures when cleaning up blood/body fluid spills.

2.0 MATERIALS REQUIRED

- gloves
- plastic garbage bag or biomedical waste bag
- paper towels
- freshly prepared hospital-grade disinfectant cleaning solution
- gown/plastic apron (for large spill)
- mask if there is a risk of splashing
- mop and bucket (for large spill)

If glass involved:

- whisk and dustpan
- new sharps box with lid removed

For blood spills on carpet cleaning

- hospital-grade disinfectant, or steam cleaner

3.0 PROCEDURE:

- Wear disposable gloves
- Wear gown and mask if there is a risk of soiling and splashing
- Line a garbage container with a leak proof plastic bag
- Remove gross soil prior to cleaning and disinfection using paper toweling or a damp mop.
- If broken glass involved, remove glass shards with whisk and dustpan. Empty glass into new sharps box, then apply lid. Soak whisk and dustpan in disinfectant for 20 minutes.
- Discard paper towels and gloves in the plastic lined waste container.
- Clean area with hospital-grade disinfectant detergent then re-apply the disinfectant product to the area already cleaned. Allow to air dry.
- Discard detergent /disinfectant solution and change mop head after procedure
- Rinse mop head, wrap in plastic bag before placing in laundry hamper.

- Change gloves. Disinfect mop handle and any contaminated cleaning bottles, then discard gloves into the waste container.
- Dispose of waste as per your facility policy for Biomedical Waste Disposal

4.0 REFERENCES:

1. Health Canada. Infection Control Guidelines. Routine Practices and Additional Precautions for Preventing the Transmission of Infection in Health Care. July 1999.
2. Fraser Health. Biohazardous Exposure Control Plan. 2005