

BLOOD/BODY FLUID CLEANUP KIT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

PURPOSE: TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF DISEASES THAT SPREAD THROUGH CONTACT WITH BLOOD AND CERTAIN OTHER BODY FLUIDS.

POLICY:

Staff members will use Blood/Body Fluid Cleanup Kits to clean blood and blood-contaminated body fluid spills.

Each Blood/Body Fluid Cleanup Kit will contain the following items:

Disposable gloves:	To be worn by staff member when handling body fluids to which universal precautions apply.
Disposable diaper:	To use for absorbing body fluid spill.
Gauze pads:	To use for covering wounds.
Antiseptic wipes:	To use for washing staff member's hands after disposal of contaminated materials, if soap and water are not readily available. Hands should be washed with running water and soap as soon as possible.

PROCEDURE FOR CLEANING BLOOD/BODY FLUID SPILL:

1. The staff member should put on disposable gloves.
2. Visible material should first be removed from the environment surface with disposable diapers, disposable towels, or other appropriate means that will prevent direct contact with blood.
3. The environment surface should then be cleaned promptly with soap and water. Hard environmental surfaces (floors, counters, etc.) should also be disinfected with a fresh (made daily) solution of 1 part chlorine bleach to 10 parts water.
4. Disposable items such as gloves, paper towels, bandages, etc. that are potentially contaminated with blood or other body fluids to which universal precautions apply, will be placed in a sealed plastic bag and thrown in the trash.
5. Clothing or linen items that are contaminated with blood or other body fluids will be stored in a plastic bag and given to the owner for laundering.
6. The staff member will wash his/her hands according to the agency **Handwashing Policy**.