

Clean Acres Recovery Housing

Blood Spill Procedure

PROCEDURE FOR THE SPILLAGE OF BLOOD AND OTHER BODY FLUIDS

Dealing with blood and body fluids can result in exposure to hazardous micro-organisms and blood-borne viruses.

Body fluids, such as urine, emesis [vomit] and stool, may contain blood, and therefore the potential of contamination from blood borne viruses. A blood borne virus can enter your body in several ways: a wound, a skin abrasion, an open cut, dermatitis [chapped hands or skin], eyes, the mouth and inhalation.

The following procedures are to protect both residents and staff from any such exposure.

A Blood Spill Kit is available for the clean-up of spills resulting from accident or illness and is to be used anytime this occurs when blood and/or body fluids are present. The Blood Spill Kit is not for use in the routine cleaning of areas such as the bathrooms. Appropriate PPE [Personal Protective Equipment] is supplied for these tasks [i.e. latex gloves] and household bleach in a 1:10 ratio [1 part bleach to 10 parts water] is an effective decontaminate in these areas. Urine is to be cleaned with detergent and water first, the 1:10 bleach solution is only to be used to disinfect afterwards. ***Do not use bleach on urine as it releases a chlorine vapor.***

If you are unsure, or have any concerns regarding an incident, isolate the area of the spill and contact a staff member immediately.

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BLOOD SPILL KIT CONTENTS

Absorbent granules [Red Z hard surfaces /Green Z carpet and/or upholstery]

Wipe all absorbent towels

Latex gloves

Safety glasses

12” Forceps & Tongs [for picking up broken glass, sharps, etc.]

Husky N/D 800 Germicidal cleaner [disinfectant for carpet and upholstery]

1:10 Chlorine bleach [disinfectant for hard surfaces]

Bio-Hazard disposal bags

Hand sanitizer

Plastic scoop

PREPARATION

Put on the Latex gloves and safety glasses supplied in the spill kit

DECONTAMINATION Sprinkle absorbent over spill [Red Z hard surfaces/ Green Z carpet and upholstery] allow to absorb.

In removing any sharps, broken glass, contaminated knives, etc. only the tongs or forceps are to be used.

Scoop up the debris.

Hard surfaces [bleach safe] Cover the area with absorbent wipe and pour 1:10 chlorine bleach on the wipe working from the outside edges inward. Wait 2 minutes. Wash the area with detergent and water

Carpet or upholstery – Wash the area thoroughly with Husky N/D 800 working from the outside edges inward.

Place all disposable contaminated materials in a biohazard bag and seal.

Place all re-useable equipment in a biohazard bag and seal

Upon removing gloves, wash hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with water @ 120° F; apply hand sanitizer.

Contact staff to secure the items and arrange for disposal.