

## Blood and Body Substance Spills Protocol

In the event of spills of blood or body substances, staff involved in the management of spills must immediately:



- Minimise traffic around the spill area
- Don personal protective equipment
- Use appropriate equipment to remove broken glass/sharps to prevent injury
- Confine and contain the spill by using paper towel or disposable absorbent material to absorb the bulk of the blood or body substances
- Treat contaminated disposable items as clinical waste
- Place laundry items soaked with blood and body substances in a leak proof bag
- Clean the spill site with a neutral detergent and water using standard precautions
- Cleaning equipment immediately the spill occurs. Contaminated articles must be cleaned or disposed of into clinical waste. It is likely that products that can clean spills of blood or other body substances on fabric will cause damage to the fabric. Spills on fabric such as carpet and soft furniture should be managed as above, and in addition:
  - Cleaned with a neutral detergent
  - Removed from general use for professional cleaning
  - Carpet should be shampooed with an industrial carpet cleaner as soon as possible

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