	Bloodborne Pathogens	Date:
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Bloodborne Pathogens - An organism capable of causing infection or infectious disease - can originate from body fluids - not just blood.

During Cleaning practices or First Aid - a person may encounter pathogens. How many times have we cleaned our hands in the wash up sinks and put a band-aid on our finger? It is wise to adopt the use of Universal Precautions. As a result, all human blood or body fluids (such as spit, urine) are to be treated as if they are infectious.

The cleaning procedure for bloodborne pathogen encounters is to wear gloves and clean contaminated surfaces with bleach and/or disinfectant. All cleaning rags and gloves must be disposed of properly.

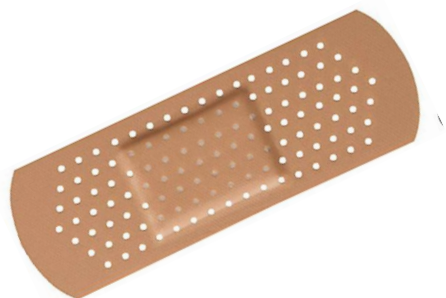
Proper Disposal:

Any materials contaminated with pathogens must be put in a Leak-proof sealable (zip-lock) bag and place a Bio-Hazardous label on the bag. Then dispose of in regular garbage.

This includes:

- Gloves that have come in contact with body fluids
- Cleaning Rags used to clean sinks or floor where injury has occurred
- Used Bandages

In the event of an injury - any First Aiders responding must wear gloves. The gloves are in every First Aid kit. Safety glasses are recommended as fluids can become a splash hazard. Mask as recommended.



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