

Custodial Services Blood Cleanup Procedures

Since human blood has the potential for being an infectious material, exposure to the blood of another person must be avoided using controls and procedures that reduce the likelihood of exposure. The following procedure must be followed whenever you are required to cleanup blood from a surface such as floors, walls, furniture, etc.

Supplies Needed:

- Bath Mate Disinfectant
- Absorbent powder
- Disposable latex gloves
- Face mask
- Shoe covers
- Disposable apron
- Labels
- Spatula
- Germicidal cloth
- Towelettes
- Disposable red bags that say “Biohazard”

- A. When notified of the need for clean up of human blood, obtain the supplies needed above from the spill kit located in the custodial closet.
- B. Place caution signs around the spill if it is on the floor.
- C. Put on the disposable latex gloves and other personal protective equipment.
- D. Pour the Bath Mate Disinfectant water mixture onto the blood and allow it to stand for 20 minutes.
- E. Cover the blood with absorbent sheets or towelettes and allow it to soak in. Use as many sheets as necessary to absorb the blood and disinfectant.
- F. Place soaked absorbent sheets or towelettes into the red “Biohazard” bags.
- G. Repeat steps D and E if necessary.
- H. Remove gloves by turning them inside out, beginning at the wrist and peeling them off. When removing the second glove, do not touch the soiled surfaces with your bare hand. Hook the inside of the glove at the wrist and peel the glove off.
- I. Place used gloves and other supplies in the red “Biohazard” bag.
- J. Transport the red “Biohazard” bag to the Student Health Center. Place the bag in the large drum of room C 107 the Hazardous Waste Storage area.
- K. Custodians must receive annual Bloodborne Pathogen training for these procedures.