

MANAGEMENT OF BLOOD AND BODY FLUID SPILLAGES



Blood and/or body fluid spillage

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) e.g. non-sterile disposable gloves/aprons/eye protection/mask as per risk assessment

Is the spillage on soft furnishing e.g. carpets?

NO **YES**

Is it a spill of blood or body fluid as Specified in Box 1?

NO **YES**

Spill contains ONLY urine/ faeces/ vomit/ sputum:

- Do not use a chlorine releasing agent directly on a urine spill the there is a risk of chlorine gas release
- Soak up spillage/gross contamination using disposable paper towels
- Discard the paper towels into the appropriate healthcare waste stream.

- Apply chlorine releasing granules directly to the spill. If granules not available place disposable paper towels over spillage to absorb and contain it applying solution of 10,000 parts per million available chlorine (ppm av cl) solution to the towels.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions on contact time
- Discard the contaminated paper towels into the appropriate healthcare waste stream

- Decontaminate area with a solution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine (ppm av cl) solution or use a combined detergent/ disinfectant solution with a concentration of 1,000 ppm av cl.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions on contact time.

- Wash area with disposable paper towels and a solution of general purpose detergent and warm water.
- Dry area or allow to air dry.
- Discard paper towels and disposable PPE into a healthcare waste bag.
- Perform hand hygiene.

- BOX 1**
- Cerebrospinal fluid
 - Peritoneal fluid
 - Pleural fluid
 - Synovial fluid
 - Amniotic fluid
 - Semen
 - Vaginal secretions
 - Breast milk
 - Any other body fluid with visible blood (excluding urine)

Discuss with local IPC team and consider:

- If furnishing heavily contaminated, you may have to discard it.
- If the furnishing can withstand a chlorine releasing solution then follow appropriate procedure for the type of spill.
- If it is safe to clean with detergent alone then follow appropriate procedure.
- If it is not safe to clean with detergent, then the item should be discarded.

