

BODILY FLUIDS CLEANUP

Bodily fluids cleanup is the responsibility of the custodian on duty at the time of notification of the incident. All bodily fluid spills should be treated as a bio-hazard cleanup.

Bodily fluids spill cleanup should occur immediately upon notification. Bodily fluids include: vomit, saliva, mucus, blood, urine, and feces. Custodians should closely follow these listed procedures which are in accordance with the SafeSchools Blood-borne Pathogens and Bio-hazard cleanup guidelines.

Materials Required:

- “Wet Floor” signs
- Personal protective equipment (vinyl gloves, long-sleeve shirt,! safety glasses or face shield).
- Paper towels, disposable rags or cloth towels
- Neutral cleaner!in a spray bottle
- Disinfectant in a spray bottle
- Liquid absorbent (comes in small plastic bag)
- Broom and dust pan
- Trash bags
- Mop and bucket with Hepastat 256 or carpet extractor

Procedure:

1. Put on personal protective equipment.
2. Put out “Wet Floor” signs.
3. Sweep or carefully pick up any solids such as glass, paper or other hard objects and place in a trash bag
4. Apply the liquid absorbent to the fluid and let it absorb the fluid. Gently work absorbent on the fluid from the outside edges of spill into the center.
5. Sweep up absorbent with the broom and place in a trash bag along with paper towels or rags or anything else contaminated by the fluid.
6. For tile floors – damp mop entire area with a cleaner/disinfectant (Hepastat 256) being careful not to spread the fluid or to contaminate a larger area. If on carpet - extract the carpet with your carpet extractor using hot water only. After you have completed extracting the area; spray the extracted area with disinfectant and let it dry.
7. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all the custodial equipment used. Carpet extractor, mop, bucket/wringer, broom and dustpan.

8. Remove your personal protective equipment and discard into the trash bag with the other contaminants and cleaning debris; tie bag closed.
9. Place the trash bag with contaminated objects and cleaning debris inside a second trash bag and tie the bag. Dispose of the double trash bags with contaminants in the garbage dumpster.

NOTE: Never use a vacuum to clean up this type of contaminated spill, as this may cause airborne contaminants. If a wet mop is used during the cleanup, dispose of the mop head as contaminated waste. Any equipment used during the cleanup process such as dustpans, scrapers, wood block, etc. must be completely cleaned off and disinfected prior to future use.