



Blood Borne Pathogens

Who Must Comply With the Blood Borne Pathogens Regulations?

- Anyone performing duties that may potentially expose them to contact with blood, or blood components.
- Anyone performing duties that *may* potentially expose them to contact with body fluids that may contain blood and/or blood components (such as saliva, semen, vaginal secretions)

Requirements of Universal Precautions

- Treat all blood and/or body fluids as if they were contaminated with blood borne pathogens
- Wash the exposed area following a potential exposure — do not scrub the area, as this may cause a tear in the skin

Blood Borne Pathogens Training

Training must be provided to anyone who has the potential to be exposed to blood or body fluids containing blood. This training must include:

- An explanation of the organization's Blood borne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan
- An explanation of what types of diseases may be spread by blood-to-blood contact:
 - AIDS
 - Hepatitis B
 - Hepatitis C
- How to recognize a potential exposure
- How to report a potential exposure
- Methods used for biohazard control
- Post exposure follow-up procedures
- Signage and label requirements

Hepatitis B Vaccine

- Must be made available free of charge to anyone who performs duties that may expose them to blood or body fluids containing blood

Work Practice Controls

- Proper disposal of all contaminated equipment, clothing, sharps, and other items that may have been exposed to blood or body fluids containing blood
- Prohibit eating, drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics and handling contact lenses in areas where potential exposures may occur
- Label all containers that are used to dispose of items that are potentially contaminated with blood or body fluids containing blood
- Use appropriate protective equipment

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