

MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS 1999

GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT - FORM RA2

DEPARTMENT	Care Home Risk Assessment	REF NO.	RA 40
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TASK/OPERATION BEING ASSESSED	CLEANING UP SPILLAGE'S OF BODILY FLUIDS
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PURPOSE/METHOD OF WORK
<p>Spillage of body fluids will need to be cleared on occasions. This may involve dealing with blood, vomit, urine or excreta. There is a risk of infection to both the people clearing the spillage, and anyone else who may be in the vicinity. Cordon off the area or lock the doors to the affected area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclude from the immediate area anyone not involved in clearing the spillage. 2. Collect together appropriate materials for clearing up, including disposable containers. 3. Wear protective disposable gloves, and cover exposed parts of the arms, mouth, nose and eyes. 4. Clear up the spillage, taking care not to miss any affected areas. 5. Disinfect all affected areas using an approved disinfectant. 6. Dispose of all contaminated materials, including the gloves in accordance with the Safe Working Procedure. 7. Follow good personal hygiene practices when finished. Wash hands and forearms thoroughly.

SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS
Health & Safety at Work etc. Act Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations Personal Protective Equipment At Work Regulations Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations

LEVEL OF SKILL/TRAINING REQUIRED
Knowledge and awareness of Infectious Diseases Personal Hygiene Training Training in the use of appropriate PPE

CHEMICALS/MATERIALS INVOLVED	HSC NO.	ASSESSMENT DATE
Bleach Body Fluids Disinfectant		

SPECIFIC WORK EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
Cleaning materials Disposable containers

MAIN HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	WHO WILL BE AFFECTED	CONTROL MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK
Hazardous substances	Staff and others in the vicinity	<p>Ensure that anyone not involved in clearing up the spillage is excluded from the immediate area.</p> <p>Disposable protective gloves and eye protection must be worn to prevent splashes into the eye.</p> <p>Check that all affected areas have been cleared.</p> <p>Ensure all affected areas are thoroughly disinfected.</p> <p>Dispose of contaminated materials safely. Double-bag all contaminated materials before disposal using strong plastic bags. Materials contaminated with blood should ideally be sent for incineration via a suitable collection service.</p> <p>Wash hands and forearms, and any other exposed areas of skin thoroughly when finished.</p> <p>Thoroughly wash all contaminated clothing.</p> <p>If, despite the above precautions, accidental contact occurs:</p> <p>If wounded – make the wound bleed Wash under running water Cover any wound If there is eye or mouth contact – wash thoroughly</p>

MANUAL HANDLING RISK	
Has a manual handling risk been identified?	NO
Is the risk considered to be	Low
Is a further detailed assessment required?	NO
<p>If the answer to the above question is YES a separate manual handling assessment will be required to fulfil the requirements of the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.</p>	

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	
<p>Surgical-type gloves (Disposable) Eye protection Coverall</p>	
Is training and instruction required	NO
Is there need for special accommodation	NO
Is there need for test/examination	NO
Is all P. P. E. compatible	YES

FREQUENCY OF MONITORING				
N/A	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	> 1 Year

ASSESSMENT REVIEW PERIOD				
< 1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	> 4 Years

Signed

Post/Title

Date