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9.4 BLOOD (and other body fluid) SPILLAGE PROTOCOL

1. A spillage of blood and/or body fluids must be dealt with initially and immediately by Nursing Staff (or other appropriately trained HCW). This is not limited to clinical areas but applies to other areas within NHS premises including the corridors between the wards. All spillages must be treated as soon as is practicable and safe to do so.
2. The member of staff must then contact the General Services Supervisor to inform them of the spillage so that final arrangements can be put in place for the appropriate cleaning method.

Blood Spillage:

Any Blood Spillage must be managed as potentially infective.
All major blood spillages must be reported to the Infection Prevention Control Team or the hospital bleep holder out of hours.

The area should be cordoned off and appropriate signage displayed.

1. Blood spillage must be treated immediately with Actichlor Granules first, for hard floor areas. Follow link for procedure [Actichlor: Blood Spills](#). Actichlor Granules are available at ward level.
2. Make sure that any non-intact skin, e.g. cuts or scratches, are covered with a waterproof dressing.
3. PPE: gloves, apron (and facial protection if risk of splashes) must be donned before cleaning.

NB: Actichlor Granules must never be put directly on to Urine or Vomit.

- if blood has soaked into soft floor covering, apply a small volume of cold water initially and apply absorbent pad
- When blood is completely removed and disposed of in clinical waste, inform General Services Supervisor immediately who will arrange for completion of cleaning to be carried out

Body Fluids Spillage: (e.g. urine, sputum, faeces and vomit)

1. Don PPE (as above);
2. Apply absorbent material such as a pad and remove gross contamination; and
3. Dispose of in clinical waste before applying Actichlor plus. **Follow link for procedure [Actichlor plus: General Environment](#)**. Actichlor plus is available at ward level.

NB: Actichlor plus must never be put directly on to Urine or Vomit before removal.

4. When body fluid is completely removed and disposed of in clinical waste, inform General Services Supervisor immediately who will arrange for completion of cleaning to be carried out.

Adverse Event recording

Follow [Occupational Health policy on Needlestick/ Sharps / Contamination Injuries](#) and [NHS Borders Adverse Event Management Policy](#).