

Guidelines for policy 5610, handling body fluids.

The following are guidelines and suggestions for cleaning up and removal of body fluids that have the potential of transmitting infectious diseases.

1. all reasonable precautions must be taken to avoid direct contact with blood, blood products, excretions, secretions or other body fluids.
2. extraordinary care must be taken to avoid accidental wounds with materials which may be contaminated with blood.
3. in accidents where inanimate objects become contaminated with blood or other body fluids, clean and disinfect them immediately.
4. wear disposable gloves latex when treating students or other personnel and discard them in a garbage bag following each incident.
5. paper towels will be used to wipe body fluids from an individual and discarded in a garbage bag.
6. wear latex gloves when cleaning body fluids from inanimate objects.
7. mops will be used to clean up body fluids from inanimate objects.
8. disinfect immediately following each incident.
9. inanimate objects may be dried with a towel which is to be cleaned regularly.
10. students shall use only their own clothing and it will be cleaned on a regular basis.
11. hands should be washed with soap and hot water immediately after the cleaning of body fluids.
12. towels are to be washed and sterilized after each usage.
13. latex gloves are to be worn when using towels to dry inanimate objects.
14. when cleaning blood or other body fluids on students, use latex disposable gloves and paper towels.
15. only designated personnel should clean body fluids from inanimate objects.
16. sufficient materials and equipment shall be available at all times.
17. athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
18. contaminated towels should be properly disposed of or disinfected.
19. follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling body dressings, mouth guards and other articles containing body fluids.

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