



# BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS



## GUARD AGAINST BLOODBORNE DISEASES BY FOLLOWING THESE 8 PRECAUTIONS.

**1** Companies whose workers are likely to encounter bloodborne pathogens in their daily routines are required to develop a written Exposure Control Plan that is updated every year. Familiarize yourself with your facility's plan. Be sure to know and understand needed procedures and practices, including the proper reporting of all incidents of exposure, and any vaccination requirements.



**2** Treat all blood and body fluids that you come into contact with as potentially infected with: **1) HIV** - The Human Immunodeficiency Virus which frequently leads to AIDS **2) HBV** - The Hepatitis B virus **3) MICROORGANISMS** - Other bloodborne pathogens found in human blood which can cause disease.



**3** Wear ALL necessary and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) whenever working with sharp objects, or whenever there is a possibility of contact with potentially infectious materials. Remove all PPE before touching items such as pens or doorknobs, and before leaving the workspace.



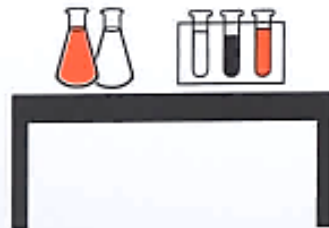
**4** Dispose of all contaminated needles and other sharp objects in a leakproof, puncture-resistant sharps container. NEVER bend, break or recap needles.



**5** Properly dispose of all contaminated laundry and personal protective equipment into their specific containers, located in clearly designated areas.



**6** Clean the worksite well and decontaminate all equipment using an EPA-approved disinfectant. Remember to always follow safe handling requirements.



**7** COLOR CODING - KNOW YOUR COLORS

Learn to recognize indicators of the presence of biohazards

Biohazard labels and signs are **ORANGE RED** or **FLUORESCENT ORANGE** with contrasting letters that say **BIOHAZARD**, and have the biohazard symbol.

**RED** bags and containers do not need to be labeled. Their red color indicates that they may contain biohazard-contaminated material.

**8** Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for 10-15 seconds after any potential contact with biohazards, being careful not to contaminate the faucet. Rinse thoroughly after washing. Dry your hands with a clean paper or cloth towel.





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***PLEASE OBSERVE THESE RULES IN THIS AREA:***

▶▶ NO EATING ◀◀

▶▶ NO DRINKING ◀◀

▶▶ DO NOT APPLY COSMETICS OR LIP BALM ◀◀

▶▶ DO NOT HANDLE CONTACT LENSES ◀◀

