

BLOOD OR BODY FLUID SPILL

WHAT TO DO

Treat every spill as potentially infectious. Keep the response simple, safe and consistent.

ATTEND TO THE INJURED PERSON FIRST. THEN MAKE THE AREA SAFE AND CLEAN THE SPILL.

- 1** **Isolate the area.** Keep students and staff away so nobody walks through the spill.
- 2** **Put on single-use gloves.** Add eye protection and a gown or apron if splashing is possible.
- 3** **Attend to the injured person first.** Flush or clean the wound with normal saline or clean water, pat dry and cover completely with an airtight, waterproof dressing. Call 000 for a medical emergency.
- 4** **Mop up the spill.** Use disposable paper towels or a spill kit. Avoid splashing and avoid creating aerosols.
- 5** **Dispose of contaminated materials safely.** Use the waste container or bag specified by your school procedure. Put sharps only in an approved sharps container.
- 6** **Clean the hard surface.** Wash with warm water and detergent, then rinse and dry. If your approved school procedure includes disinfection, disinfect only after cleaning and follow the product instructions.
- 7** **Remove gloves and wash hands.** Wash thoroughly with soap and running water after the clean-up.
- 8** **Record the incident.** Victorian government schools: use eduSafe Plus as required. Other schools: use your organisation's incident reporting system.

CARPET: DO NOT USE DISINFECTANT

Shampoo as soon as possible. Steam cleaning may be used instead. Current health.vic and Victorian Department of Education guidance both say not to use disinfectant on carpet.

IF BLOOD CONTACTS EYES, MOUTH OR BROKEN SKIN

Flush eyes or other mucous membranes gently with plenty of water. Wash exposed non-intact skin with soap and water. Report the exposure immediately and seek same-day medical assessment. Call 000 for an emergency.

SYRINGE DISPOSAL HELPLINE

1800 552 355

WORKSAFE - NOTIFIABLE INCIDENTS

13 23 60

REPORT INTERNALLY

**eduSafe Plus /
your school system**

Official references

Department of Education - Blood Spills and Open Wounds Management

www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/blood-spills-and-open-wounds-management/policy

health.vic - Managing spills of blood and body fluids

www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/managing-spills-of-blood-and-body-fluids-and-substances

Department of Education - Syringe Disposals and Injuries

www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/syringe-disposal/policy

Department of Education - First Aid: Infection and prevention control

www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/first-aid-students-and-staff/guidance/infection-and-prevention-control

health.vic - Managing exposures to blood and body fluids

www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/managing-exposures-to-blood-and-body-fluids-or-substances

WorkSafe Victoria - Report a notifiable incident

www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/report-incident