

Exposure Control Plan – Blood-Borne Pathogens

Blood-Borne Pathogens, Bodily Fluids or Biological Substances

The purpose of an exposure control plan is to have procedures and controls in place to eliminate or minimized the risk of occupational exposure to an infectious disease, as well as to reduce the risk of infection should exposure occur.

Anyone who comes in contact with blood, other bodily fluids, or biological substances* has the potential to be exposed to infectious disease. Exposure can occur while providing first aid to co-workers or while performing clean up.

Controls/Protection

- a. Sharps. First aid kits can contain objects which are sharp, or sharp objects may be encountered while performing first aid. Sharps will be disposed by:

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- b. Pocket masks with one-way valves are available:

A mask will not be shared.

- c. Personal protective equipment must be worn and will be provided at no cost to first aid attendants. Supplies are located at:

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- d. Waste. All potentially contaminated waste will be disposed of by the following means:

If uncertain, treat as contaminated waste.

All reusable first aid equipment will be disinfected as soon as possible after contamination and on a routine basis.

Basic Steps for Exposure Control

1. Fluids present; glove up
2. Mask
3. Eye protection
4. No unnecessary risks
5. All gauzes, bandages etc. that are contaminated through the treatment of the patient are to be bagged, sealed and identified as hazardous waste.
6. Must be disposed of in an approved manner; either at your local hospital, community health clinic or in a manner acceptable to the local health authority.
7. If exposed report as a first aid (complete a form 7).

Training and Education

Our company first aid attendants are the following persons.

Name, Level (example OFA1):

Proof of certification must be with the first aid attendant at all times.

Facilities

Hand washing facilities are located at:

Waterless hand cleaners / towelettes are provided if hand washing facilities are not immediately available.

Vaccination

First aid attendants will be offered the hepatitis B vaccination at no cost to them. Attendants may decline the vaccination. Record of the vaccination or refusal of the vaccination will be recorded.

Recordkeeping

Exposure incident records must be kept. Records can include: first aid record and incident reports.

Records documenting first aid attendant education and training on infectious disease and this exposure control plan must be maintained.

Reviewed on: _____ **By:** _____
(date) (name, position with company)

Attendee(s)

Name	Signature

Reference: WorkSafeBC Regulation 6.34

*Biological substances include all of the following, note that this list is not complete and is provided as a starting point: Blood, Vomit, Urine, Feces, Ticks.