

Protect

yourself your family your students



Bloodborne Pathogens

How can employees be exposed to bloodborne pathogens on the job?



- Blood or other body fluids in contact with your eyes, nose, mouth, or broken skin;
- Needlesticks or cuts from sharp objects contaminated with blood or other body fluids;
- Injury from needles or other sharp objects during pat-down searches;
- Assaults—bites, cuts, or knife penetrations.

How can you protect yourself?

- Complete the annual bloodborne pathogens training using the link you received via email.
- Get your hepatitis B vaccination.
- Use safety needles and sharps devices whenever possible.
- Dispose of needles, sharps and medical waste properly.
- Use disposable gloves and other personal protection every time there is a potential for exposure to blood or body fluids.

What should you do if you're exposed?

- Wash needlesticks, cuts, and all skin exposures with soap and water.
- Flush splashes to nose or mouth with water.
- Irrigate eyes with clean water, or bottled eye wash.
- Promptly report all potential exposures to ensure you receive appropriate follow-up care.
- Fill out the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Incident Form.
- Seek medical evaluation within 24—48 hours of exposure.

Need more information?

Your Site Employee Safety Administrator is:

Exposure does not necessarily mean infection

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