
BLOOD CLEAN-UP PROCEDURE

- **Block off area until cleanup is complete.**
- **Stabilize and decontaminate the spill.**
 1. Put on two pairs of nitrile gloves, safety glasses, and any other necessary soak-proof protective garments, such as disposable booties or coveralls.
 2. Cover spill with dry paper towel(s), and soak with bleach solution, adding from outer edge of spill to center.
 3. Allow at least 20 minutes for bleach solution to act.
 4. With gloved hands and additional paper towels, wipe up spill debris and place in red biohazard bag.
 - a. **If spill contains glass or other sharp materials, do not use hands to directly wipe up**; use disposable material, such as cardboard, to pick up and place in red biohazard bag placed inside a cardboard box or other rigid disposable container.
 - b. **If biohazard bag is not available**, notify supervisor and temporarily use a regular plastic bag and label as biohazard. Place this bag inside biohazard bag when one is available.
 5. Repeat bleach solution application to spill area, immediately wipe up any remaining contaminants, and add to red biohazard bag for disposal.
 6. Close biohazard bag tightly.
 7. Carefully remove outer set of gloves and other contaminated protective equipment.
 8. Place outer gloves, other contaminated equipment, and closed biohazard bag inside a second biohazard bag, close the second bag, and store securely prior to pickup by EH&S.
 9. Remove inner gloves and wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water.
- **Call 901-678-1625, 901-678-2044, or 901-678-4672 for EH&S guidance and pickup of biohazardous waste.**

Recipe for Bleach Solution Disinfectant:

9 parts cool water

1 part regular household bleach (not concentrated bleach)

Add the household bleach to the water. Gently mix the solution.

Mixture must be made fresh each day. Do not use old mixtures.