

# Blood and Body Fluid Spills

**Treat all blood and body fluid spills as a potential exposure to disease-causing microorganisms.**

1. Isolate the area around the spill
2. Assemble required cleaning materials prior to putting on personal protective equipment (PPE)\*
3. Inspect the area around the spill for splash and splatter
4. If broken glass or other sharp objects are present, use a brush and dustpan to pick them up
5. Clean up spill with paper towels\*\*, water and detergent
6. Discard paper towels
7. Rinse with clean water prior to applying disinfectant
8. Disinfect the area\*
9. Remove PPE
10. Clean your hands

## Notes

- If spill occurs on carpet, follow steps 1-10, then steam / wet clean carpet.

*\*Refer to Guidance Document, Environmental Cleaning and Disinfecting*

*\*\*Any type of materials used for clean-up must be discarded after use*

## References:

PIDAC (Dec. 2009, Revised May2012). 'Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Infection Prevention and Control in Health Care Settings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.. *Public Health Ontario*.