



## Procedure: Dealing with Spills of Blood & other Bodily Fluids

When a child is injured at the centre, carers must look after the injured child, seeking help if necessary, to avoid contact with any blood or bodily fluids.

### Cleaning up after a spill:

- **You must wear protective GLOVES at all times!** – Gloves can be found in every class room, kitchen and bathroom area as well as in the First Aid kits.
- Clean the spill using **PAPER TOWEL & DISINFECTANT**. Dispose of all paper towel by placing in an individual plastic bag & tie up. This bag must be put directly into the bin hopper!
- Clothing is to be rinsed in the Laundry sink ONLY & placed in the BUCKET labelled “Blood & Bodily Fluids”. Add “**Bleach powder**” and hot water to the bucket and allow to soak for a minimum of 4 hours, the bucket must be written on the “Bucket Contents Whiteboard” in the laundry. The sink MUST be disinfected after use.
- Soiled clothing must be washed separately in the washing machine (**not to be washed with any other linen/toys/clothes**).
- Remove gloves and dispose of appropriately.
- **WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP & WARM WATER thoroughly.**

Remember that spills of blood and bodily fluids may contain viruses such as Hepatitis B or HIV. Therefore, it is extremely important to disinfect all areas where the spill has occurred, using disinfectant.

### Source:

- Staying Healthy in Child Care – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 2005.
- <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/bluebook/appendix5>

### This procedure links to the following CCQA Principles:

Quality Practices Guide (2005) - Principle 5.3, 5.5 & 6.2

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