

Hazardous Spillages

Safe procedure for dealing with bodily fluids spillages

WARNING: Always treat body fluids as if they are contagious.

Only competent trained colleagues to clean bodily fluid spillages

If the spillage is substantial, or if in doubt about the nature of the spillage, raise an urgent visit request via the Facilities Helpdesk



When a Spill Kit is not available

In exceptional circumstances where a spill kit is not available, spillages can be cleaned using the following procedure:

Equipment required:

- Disposable gloves and apron and safety glasses where available
- Paper towel and bin liners
- Dust pan and brush
- Suitable disinfectant product

Procedure to follow:

- Cordon off affected area from the general public
- Cover spillage with paper towels to soak up bulk of liquid
- Carefully discard used towels in the bin liner
- Using fresh paper towels, clean the soiled area with the disinfectant product, working from the outside of the spill inwards.
- Carefully discard used towels in the bin liner
- Dampen more fresh towels with the disinfectant and give the whole area a further wipe down.
- Carefully discard used towels in the bin liner and allow the area to dry
- Discard used gloves and apron, taking care not to contaminate yourself or other surfaces

Cleaning up Bodily fluids with a spill Kit

- Wherever possible, use a Spill Kit specifically provided for this purpose.
- Cordon off affected area from the general public
- Appropriate PPE must be worn—gloves and apron, goggles/face mask where available.
- Always follow the manufacture’s instructions provided with the spill kit.
- Both open and dispose of the Spill Kit in the area of the spillage taking care to avoid spreading further contamination.
- Spill kits are single use only. Ensure that if used it is replaced with a new kit.

Disposal

- Unless your site has a nominated hazardous waste contract, using the bag provided, dispose of by contacting the waste collection service provider.
- If the spillage has contaminated absorbent materials (for example a carpet or mat) contact your Line Manager to arrange a deep clean or replacement of contaminated item.

Always wash and dry hands thoroughly after dealing with any spillage, once with gloves still on, and once when gloves have been removed and disposed of.

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