



Yarraville Special Developmental School  
No. 7278

**BLOOD SPILL POLICY**

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## **BLOOD SPILL POLICY**

### **RATIONALE:**

Standard hygiene precautions and the correct management of blood spills and other body fluids minimise the risks of transmission of infectious diseases including bacterial and viral infections.

### **AIMS:**

To provide a school environment that uses safe practices in response to blood spills and other body fluids.









### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- Staff at our school will be trained in standard infection control procedures and first aid
- Charts displaying standard infection controls will be prominently displayed in appropriate places around the school.
- The school will provide adequate first aid equipment including protective barriers such as disposable gloves, antiseptics, and disposable Expired Air Resuscitation face masks.
- Blood or body fluid spills will be attended to by a staff member immediately.
- Children who are bleeding must be treated by a trained First Aid person or the first Aid officer unless inappropriate to do so.
- The 'blood rule' in sports and recess/lunch times will be adhered to.
- Blood or body fluid spills to be completely cleaned according to Safe Work Procedure Template (copy is kept with blood spill kit)\*, including the sealing of all disposable materials into a plastic sealable garbage bags for disposal, thorough washing of all instruments in a disinfectant solution (e.g Milton™ or other), thorough wiping down of all contaminated surfaces with warm water and detergent, and steam cleaning of areas such as carpets.
- Wounds will be treated, dressed and covered.
- Children will not be allowed to remain in, or return to normal school activities with exposed blood or body fluids.
- The school will provide children with alternative clothing should their garments be infected with blood or body fluids.
- Parents will be made aware if their child received first aid, or if their child has been involved with another bleeding child.
- The school will carry out routine inspections of the school grounds for dangerous objects such as discarded syringes, and will have a process in place for their removal and disposal.

*(\*) See Safe Work Procedure Template attached*

### **EVALUATION:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle but also occurs on a regular basis prompted by changing circumstances and raised concerns.

<b>Description of Work:</b>		Cleaning and Handling of Blood and Body Fluids				
		<b>Potential Hazards</b> Exposure to infectious diseases and potential sharps injury.				
<b>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Required</b> (Check the box for required PPE):						
 Gloves	 Face Masks	 Eye Protection	 Welding Mask	 Appropriate Footwear	 Hearing Protection	 Protective Clothing
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<b>Safe Work Procedure Checklist:</b>						
<p>1. PRE-Task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wear appropriate PPE (as indicated above) and cover any cuts and abrasions on hands with occlusive waterproof dressing</li> <li>▪ Obtain a Biohazard Spill Kit and/or paper towels, sealable plastic bags, sturdy tongs or forceps, mop, bucket, detergent, sharps bin, biohazard waste bin and household bleach</li> <li>▪ Alert others to the spill and isolate the area appropriately</li> </ul>						
<p>2. During:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clean up blood and other body fluids spills with disposable paper towels/tissues or by using a Biohazard Spill Kit</li> <li>▪ Remove any broken glass or sharp material with forceps or tongs and place in sharps container</li> <li>▪ Use hospital grade disinfectant (use 5ml of bleach to 500ml of water) to sanitise the area</li> <li>▪ For small spills (spots of blood on tiles) an alcohol wipe may be sufficient</li> <li>▪ Dry the area with disposable paper towels/tissues after clean-up (as wet areas attract contaminants)</li> </ul>						
<p>3. POST-Task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Items such as scissors, tweezers and mops are to be cleaned and disinfected</li> <li>▪ Dispose of contaminated waste (e.g. dressings, wipes, cleaning cloths, tissues/paper towels, human tissue, and blood) in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ appropriate biohazard containers/bags; or</li> <li>▫ the general waste in suitably labelled bags (bags are to be double bagged); or</li> <li>▫ Sanitary Waste Bins.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Dispose of sharps in a Sharps Container</li> <li>▪ Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, dry with paper towels and sanitise hands using an alcohol-based rub or gel</li> <li>▪ Record any direct contact with blood or body fluids in eduSafe</li> </ul>						
<b>Competent Person(s)</b>						
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Contact Details:</b>				
Donna	First aid officer	Room 11 ext 211				