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Toolbox Talk #3

BIO SPILL RESPONSE

If there is a biological / blood spill in your facility, utilize the following procedures for proper clean-up.

Immediate Procedures:

- Close doors to the affected area and prevent unauthorized access.
- Contact the University Operations Center.
- Assign a person familiar with incident and facility to assist emergency personnel and to provide them with information.
- Disinfect contaminated areas with 10% bleach solution **only** if you are Bloodborne Pathogen trained and have the proper personal protective equipment.

Biological Spill on Body:

- Remove any contaminated clothing.
- Carefully wash the exposed area with soap and water for 1 minute, taking care not to cause any injury or breakage to the skin.
- For contamination of mucous membranes (eyes, nose and mouth). Flush contaminated area with running water for several minutes.
- Obtain medical assistance.

Minor Cuts and Puncture Wounds (Including Needle Stick Injuries):

- Carefully wash the injury with soap and water for several minutes.
- Obtain medical assistance and recommendations about post-exposure medical treatment for potential bloodborne illness.

Group Discussion:

- Identify any biological spill incidents that have occurred in the past, how were they handled?
- If a spill was to occur, who would you contact for the clean up? If you are performing the cleanup what necessary protective steps would you need to implement to ensure your safety?
- Determine if you or anyone in the group needs Bloodborne Pathogens Training?
- Take time to assess your PPE, determine if you need to order any equipment



Disinfecting- If trained to do so, use a 10% bleach solution to decontaminate the affected area



PPE- Ensure that you wear appropriate PPE for spill cleanup

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