



## HOMES AND SENIORS SERVICES

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**DEPARTMENT:** *Infection Control*

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**PURPOSE:** To ensure that all biological spills (body fluid/excretions spills) are resolved promptly to minimize the risk of exposure to other residents, visitors and staff.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Assemble materials required for managing the spill prior to putting on personal protective equipment (PPE).
2. Inspect the area around the spill thoroughly for splatters or splashes.
3. Restrict activity around the spill until the area has been cleaned and disinfected and is completely dry.
4. Put on gloves; if there is a possibility of splashing, wear a gown and facial protection (mask and eye protection or face shield).
5. Confine and contain the spill; wipe up any blood or bodily fluid spills immediately using either disposable towels or a product designed for this purpose. Dispose of materials by placing them into regular waste receptacle, unless soiled materials are wet that blood can be squeezed out of them, in which case they must be segregated into the biomedical waste container (i.e. designated coloured bag). Handle with minimum agitation and shaking.
6. Disinfect the entire spill area with hospital-grade disinfectant and allow it to stand for the amount of time recommended by the manufacturer.
7. Wipe up the area again using disposable towels and discard into regular waste.
8. Care must be taken to avoid splashing or generating aerosols during the clean-up.
9. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.
10. Report any depleted items in the spill kit to your manager (if applicable).

### **Resources:**

Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC): Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of Infections in All Health Care Settings (3rd Edition) (2018)



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