



BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Protect Yourself from BBPs

Bloodborne Pathogens (BBPs) are microorganisms, like HIV and the hepatitis B virus, that are carried in the blood.



Make Universal Precautions a part of your job!

To protect yourself from BBPs, **treat all blood and other potentially infectious materials as if they ARE infectious.**

- **Wear PPE** such as gloves, eye and face protection, and protective clothing.
- **Inspect PPE** before use to be sure it's undamaged.
- **Use extreme caution** to prevent needle sticks and dispose of used sharps in puncture-proof containers.
- **Use tongs** or a similar tool, not your hands, to clean up broken glass.
- **Wash carefully** with soap and water after any exposure to blood or bodily fluids.
- **Follow proper cleaning, decontamination, and/or disposal procedures** if equipment or clothing is contaminated.
- **Report** any exposure to infectious materials immediately.

