

Needle Stick/Bodily Fluids Exposure Procedures

If you are stuck with a needle or exposed to bodily fluids, it is important that you complete the following:

1. Clean the affected area for 15 minutes.
2. Assess the exposure:
 - Did anything pierce your skin?
 - Did body fluids splash on a mucous membrane (i.e. eyes, ears, nose, mouth)?
 - Is the skin broken around the exposure area?
3. Immediately report the incident to your supervisor. If it was a needle stick, get a picture of the needle if possible.
 - The supervisor should complete an incident report immediately
4. Go to the Emergency room or urgent care clinic immediately.
 - Tell the medical provider you had potential bloodborne pathogen exposure at work.

If you refuse immediate follow-up treatment, it is required that you sign the *Informed Refusal for Medical Evaluation Form* (EH&S Form). The supervisor must sign this form and send a copy to EH&S.