



RWU Blood and Medical Waste Incident Clean-Up Procedures: Small Blood Spill Located Indoors



FOR LARGE SPILLS OR OUTDOOR SPILLS – ALWAYS CALL SUPERVISOR AND PUBLIC SAFETY PRIOR TO CLEANUP – ADDITIONAL HELP NECESSARY

- 1. Block off the affected area – do not allow others to access to the spill**
 - Examples: close and lock door to room, use caution tape, have someone else get supplies while you redirect people away from area
- 2. Gather supplies and PPE from custodial closet (or building location)**
 - Get disposal pail and Spill Cleanup Pack from Kit Cabinet
 - Put on PPE (nitrile gloves and safety glasses)
 - Open up Spill Cleanup Pack
- 3. Solidify Spill and Collect Solids**
 - Gently sprinkle Fluid Solidifier onto liquid
 - Apply to outside of spill and move towards inside
 - Allow powder time to absorb
 - Use pickup scoop and scraper to collect solidified liquid
 - Empty scoop into red biohazard disposal bag (in the pail)
 - When done, place scoop and scraper into red biohazard disposal bag also
- 4. Disinfect the Surface / Area**
 - Spray the affected area with disinfectant spray
 - Allow spray to sit on area for several minutes (usually 10, see container label)
 - Wipe area dry with paper towels
 - Put paper towels into red biohazard disposal bag
- 5. Follow PPE removal and waste disposal procedures (see additional poster)**

Let your supervisor know if your red bucket is missing or full, or if you need replacement spill kits / PPE packs.

Cleanup Supplies You Will Need: Spill Cleanup Pack (from cabinet), 5-gallon biohazard collection pail with red biohazard bag, nitrile gloves, safety glasses





RWU Blood and Medical Waste Incident Clean-Up Procedures: Dried Blood Spill Located Indoors



- 1. Block off the affected area – do not allow others to access to the spill**
 - Examples: close and lock door to room, use caution tape, have someone else get supplies while you redirect people away from area
- 2. Gather supplies and PPE from custodial closet (or building location)**
 - Get disposal pail and Spill Cleanup Pack from Kit Cabinet
 - Put on PPE (nitrile gloves and safety glasses)
 - Open up Spill Cleanup Pack
- 3. Disinfect the Surface / Area**
 - Spray the affected area with disinfectant spray (all visible dried blood plus the surrounding area)
 - Allow spray to sit on area for several minutes (usually 10, see container label)
 - Wipe area dry with paper towels, removing all visible traces of blood
 - Put paper towels into red biohazard disposal bag
- 4. Follow PPE removal and waste disposal procedures (see additional poster)**

Let your supervisor know if your red bucket is missing or full, or if you need replacement spill kits / PPE packs

Cleanup Supplies You Will Need: Spill Cleanup Pack (from cabinet), 5-gallon biohazard collection pail with red biohazard bag, nitrile gloves, safety glasses





RWU Blood and Medical Waste Incident Clean-Up Procedures: Saturated Items Located Indoors



- 1. Block off the affected area – do not allow others to access to the spill**
 - Examples: close and lock door to room, use caution tape, have someone else get supplies while you redirect people away from area
- 2. Gather supplies and PPE from custodial closet (or building location)**
 - Get disposal pail and Spill Cleanup Pack from Kit Cabinet
 - Put on PPE (nitrile gloves and safety glasses)
 - Open up Spill Cleanup Pack
- 3. Dispose Saturated Item**
 - Place saturated item directly into the red biohazard bag
- 4. Follow Liquid and Solid Cleanup Procedures to Clean and Disinfect the Surface / Area (see additional poster)**
- 5. Follow PPE removal and waste disposal procedures (see additional poster)**

Let your supervisor know if your red bucket is missing or full, or if you need replacement spill kits / PPE packs

Cleanup Supplies You Will Need: Spill Cleanup Pack (from cabinet), 5-gallon biohazard collection pail with red biohazard bag, nitrile gloves, safety glasses





RWU Blood and Medical Waste Incident Clean-Up Procedures: Waste Disposal Procedures



- 1. Collect all waste and place into the red biohazard bag**
 - All Spill Cleanup Kit items (even unused items)
 - All spill cleanup debris (solidified fluids, scraper, scoop, paper towels)
 - All contaminated materials
 - The gloves you used to clean up the spill
- 2. Put on a new pair of gloves (before you touch anything else!)**
- 3. Use overhand / gooseneck knot to close the bag**
 - Pick up the red biohazard bag
 - Twist the open end of the bag multiple times so it wraps tightly
 - Then tie an overhand knot to tie the bag closed
 - Sometimes called a “gooseneck” knot
 - “Bunny ears knots” (gathering the bag it both hands and crossing the ends over each other) is not acceptable since liquids can leak out. Must do “overhand / gooseneck”!
- 4. Place tied-closed bag into disposal pail**
- 5. Bring disposal pail back to custodial closet**
- 6. Remove gloves and place in disposal pail**
- 7. Thoroughly wash your hands**

YES – “Overhand / Gooseneck” knot – prevents spills



NO – “Bunny Ears” knot – liquids can spill out the gap





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Bodily Fluids or Blood Spill Wastes in Red Biohazard Bags

At the end of each shift, if you added any waste to your 5-gallon biohazard pail, bring the waste down to the Facilities Building Biohazardous Waste Storage Locker (metal collection container outside the wooden waste sheds):

- Put on disposable nitrile gloves and safety glasses
- Place the closed 5-gallon pail into assigned University vehicle, golf cart, or Gator.
- If employee does not have an assigned vehicle, notify supervisor, who will pick up the pail in their assigned University vehicle
- Bring the pail to the designated Biohazardous Waste Storage Locker located behind Facilities
- Open the pail and place the bag into one of the waste storage containers located in the locker.
- Close the storage locker and cabinet and return the pail to its original location.
- Contact supervisor to replace any used or missing supplies, including spill cleanup kits, re disposal bags, red pails, etc.

Full Sharps Disposal Containers

- Secure the sharps disposal container in the “Closed” position by locking the lid closed.
**CONTACT SUPERVISOR & PUBLIC SAFETY IF THERE ARE ANY LOOSE SHARPS – x3333.
DO NOT TOUCH LOOSE SHARPS.**
- Contact supervisor to get a new empty sharps disposal container.
- Use the 325A key to open the wall-mounted cabinet and remove the full sharps disposal container. Place the empty sharps disposal container into the cabinet, then close and re-lock the cabinet. Wear appropriate PPE (nitrile gloves and safety glasses).
- Place full sharps disposal container into the closest red 5-gallon BBP pail and close pail.
- Place the pail into assigned University vehicle, golf cart, or Gator. If employee does not have an assigned vehicle, notify supervisor, who will pick up the pail in their assigned University vehicle.
- Bring the pail to the designated Biohazardous Waste Storage Locker located behind Facilities (metal locker in between the wooden sheds and the compactor).
- Open the pail and place the sharps disposal container into one of the waste storage containers located in the cabinet.
- Close the storage container and cabinet and return the pail to its original location.

NEVER TOUCH LOOSE SHARPS WITH YOUR HANDS, EVEN IF YOU HAVE GLOVES ON. ALWAYS CALL RWU PUBLIC SAFETY AND YOUR SUPERVISOR AND NOTIFY THEM OF THE ISSUE.

ALL SHARPS MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A PUNCTURE-PROOF SHARPS DISPOSAL BIN, NEVER IN A BIOHAZARD BAG OR OTHER NON-PUNCTURE PROOF CONTAINER.