

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING SPILLS OF BLOOD AND OTHER BODY FLUIDS

Only certain University personnel are authorized by the University of Louisiana Monroe Office of Environmental Health and Safety to clean up and decontaminate spills of blood and body fluids. These personnel include custodians, University Police, Office of Environmental Health personnel, and instructors/personnel in areas where blood and body fluids are routinely encountered in the course of work. These employees may be classified as employees with "high risk" for exposure to bloodborne pathogens if they are called upon to routinely perform these tasks.

These personnel must receive documented training when hired and must have training up-dates provided each year. It is the responsibility of supervisors to notify the Office of Environmental Health and Safety when new personnel are hired in these areas. ONLY THESE DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WILL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND TRAINING TO PROPERLY CLEANUP AND DECONTAMINATE THE SPILL.

"High Risk" areas at the University where contact with blood or body fluids can reasonably be encountered are: Student Health Center, specialty laboratories in nursing, biological sciences, speech/hearing clinic, kinesiology, and athletics, and with certain accidents involving injury.

: Contact the Director of Residential Housing at 318-342-5247

: Contact Custodian Manager at 318-342-5189

- Contact your supervisor and the lab safety coordinator.

- Contact University Police at 318-342-5350.

- Contact Office of Environmental Health and Safety at 318-342-5177

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- Forceps or Other Mechanical Means for Picking-Up Broken Glass or items which have been contaminated with blood or body fluids

Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including