

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Universal precautions is an approach to infection control to treat all human blood and certain human body fluids as if they were known to be infectious for HIV, HBV and other bloodborne pathogens, (Bloodborne Pathogens Standard 29 CFR 1910.1030(b) definitions). Universal precautions are methods of protecting yourself from bloodborne pathogens. Universal precautions assume all body fluids are infected with bloodborne pathogens.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Must be used at all times to prevent skin or mucous membrane contact with bodily fluids.

- Latex or Nitrile Gloves
- Face Shields
- Eye Protection

Never use damaged PPE

- Expired or worn gloves

If contaminated...

- Use an antibacterial soap as soon as possible
- Wash hands or other skin surfaces thoroughly and immediately
- Remove contaminated clothing and ensure proper disposal.

NOTE: Alert the job-site superintendent of any incidents concerning a reasonable amount of blood, no matter the severity. All incidents involving blood shall be documented and investigated to determine if the situation was handled in a proper manner.