

Procedure for Clean-up and Proper Disposal of Blood

This procedure should be used in case of an accident or injury that involves blood.

- Everyone involved in the clean-up must wear gloves at all times. Gloves are available in the lab or with the first-aid supplies.
- The areas that come in contact with the blood need to be cleaned with a sodium hypochlorite solution (common household bleach). The solution must have a minimum of 0.5% sodium hypochlorite (1:10 dilution), but may be used undiluted at 5.25%. See OSHA directive CPL 2-2.36: Blood Spills, 11/30/83.
- The area then needs to be cleaned with soap and rinsed with water.
- All materials soiled with blood and used in the clean-up process (gloves included) need to be placed in a bag and sealed for disposal.
- Contact the Student Health Center Director or the laboratory technician at the Student Health Center to set up a time to dispose of the materials (x4182).
- Everyone involved should wash their hands with soap and water after removing their gloves.