

EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

TRAINING TITLE Bloodborne Pathogens: Know the Risks

KEY TEACHING POINTS

Blood borne Pathogens is an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard that deals with occupational exposure to blood borne diseases, such as hepatitis B virus (HBV) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes AIDS. In the USA, approximately 300,000 people are infected with HBV annually and approximately 35,000 are infected with HIV. Many people may not even know they are infected. They can carry the disease for many years while looking and feeling healthy. However, their blood and other body fluids may be highly contagious, so they may unknowingly spread the disease to others.

Exposure to these diseases will most likely occur at the time first aid is performed or through an accidental needle stick. Transmission of the disease will generally occur by exposure to infected blood or body fluids to unprotected skin (especially if the skin has open cuts or sores; the accidental penetration of the skin by a contaminated sharp object, such as a hypodermic needle; or by the exposure of the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose, or mouth to infected blood or other body fluids.

Safe work practices, such as the use of latex gloves when administering first aid, carefully washing your hands after exposure to blood, taking extra precautions when moving trash or other debris to avoid a needle stick, and treating all blood and body fluids as potentially infectious will help to eliminate your exposure.

The likelihood of exposure to infectious blood is fairly low in the utility industry, but if an incident does occur or you think you may have been exposed to blood in the workplace, immediately report the incident to your company's medical department.

TEST

QUESTION	ANSWERS	
	TRUE	FALSE
1. Approximately 30 people are infected with HBV annually and approximately 35 are infected with HIV.		
2. HIV is the abbreviated name for Human Immunodeficiency Virus		
3. Transmission of the disease will generally occur by: a. Exposure to blood or body fluids to unprotected skin b. Penetration of the skin by a contaminated sharp object, such as a hypodermic needle. c. Exposure of the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose, or mouth to infected blood or other body fluids. d. All of the above..		
4. Safe work practices include: a. Use of latex gloves when administering first aid. b. Carefully washing your hands after exposure to blood. c. Taking extra precaution when moving trash or other debris to avoid a needle stick. d. None of the above.		
5. If an accident does occur, report the incident to your a. Family b. City Manager c. Supervisor d. Company's medical department		

EMPLOYEE'S NAME	EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE	DATE
INSTRUCTOR'S NAME	INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE

1. False 2. True 3. D 4. D 5. C