



# BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS



## GUARD AGAINST BLOODBORNE DISEASES BY FOLLOWING THESE 8 PRECAUTIONS.

**1** Familiarize yourself with the Exposure Control Plan in your facility. Be sure to know and understand all related procedures and practices, including the proper reporting of all incidents of exposure, and any vaccination requirements.



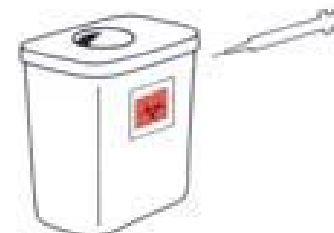
**2** Treat all blood and body fluids you may come into contact with as potentially infected with: HIV – The Human Immunodeficiency Virus which often leads to AIDS  
HBV – The Hepatitis B Virus  
Microorganisms – Other blood-borne pathogens found in human blood which can cause disease.



**3** Wear ALL necessary and appropriate personal protective equipment whenever you are working with sharp objects, or wherever there is a chance of contact with potentially infectious materials.



**4** Dispose of all contaminated needles and other sharp objects in a puncture-resistant sharps container. NEVER bend, break or recap needles.



**5** Properly dispose of all contaminated laundry and personal protective equipment into their specific containers, located in clearly designated areas.



**6** Be sure to properly clean the worksite and decontaminate all equipment. Remember to always follow safe handling requirements.



**7** COLOR CODING – KNOW YOUR COLORS

Labels and signs are BRIGHT ORANGE with contrasting letters and symbols. These are used to clearly mark potential biohazards.

RED bags and containers do not need to be labeled. Their red color indicates that they may contain biohazard-contaminated material.

**8** Always be sure to wash your hands, and never forget to follow proper safe hygiene and work practices.

