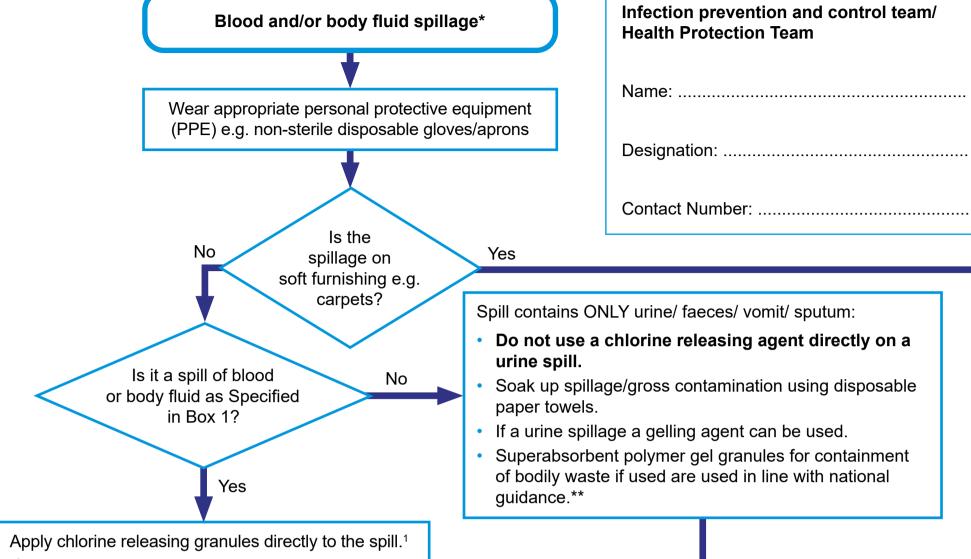
Best Practice: Appendix 9 – Management of blood and body fluid spillages



- If granules not available place disposable paper towels over spillage to absorb and contain it applying solution of 10,000 parts per million available **chlorine (ppm av cl) solution** to the towels.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions on contact time or leave for 3 minutes.
- Discard the gross contamination into a healthcare waste bag.
- ¹All NHSScotland settings must use granules, or equivalent product e.g. spill kits.
- Decontaminate area with a solution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine (ppm av cl) solution or use a combined detergent/chlorine releasing solution with a concentration of 1,000 ppm av cl.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions on contact time.
- Wash area with disposable paper towels and a solution of general purpose detergent and warm water.
- Dry area or allow to air dry.
- Discard paper towels and disposable PPE into a healthcare waste bag.
- Perform hand hygiene.

Box 1

- Cerebrospinal fluid
- Peritoneal fluid
- Pleural fluid
- Synovial fluid
- Amniotic fluid
- Semen
- Vaginal secretions
- Breast milk
- Any other body fluid with visible blood (excluding urine)

Discuss with IPCT and consider:

- If furnishing heavily contaminated you may have to discard it.
- If the furnishing can withstand a chlorine releasing solution then follow appropriate procedure for the type of spill.
- If it is safe to clean with detergent alone then follow appropriate procedure.
- If it is not safe to clean with detergent then the item should be discarded.
- * Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service and Scottish Ambulance Service use products that differ from those stated in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual.
- ** Refer to http://www.hfs.scot.nhs.uk/publications/1575969155-SAN(SC)1903.pdf for further information in Scotland or https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/ViewandAcknowledgment/ViewAlert. aspx?AlertID=102937 in England.





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