

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

PARTNERING WITH TOWNSHIPS

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Bloodborne Pathogens: Universal Precautions

To protect yourself from the unknown, make these precautions your daily routine.

ALWAYS:

- Treat blood and body fluids as if they were infected.
- Protect yourself when appropriate with latex gloves and pocket masks (for CPR).
- Bandage cuts, scrapes and broken skin.
- Wash hands and exposed area with soap and water immediately after exposure.
- Discard sharp objects in the appropriate containers.

NEVER:

- Break, bend, or recap used needles or other sharp objects.
- Fill the sharps container all the way to the top.
- Dispose of other garbage in a sharps container.
- Eat, drink, or store food in an area with potential exposure.
- Pipette infectious liquids by mouth.

Watch OSHA Warnings!

OSHA requires that potentially infectious materials be kept in containers that are:

- Red
- Labeled with the Biohazard symbol
- Or both