

#### IT'S UP TO YOU!

Avoiding Bloodborne Pathogens in Schools

**Training Points** 





# Nearly 5.6 million workers are at risk for exposure to

# BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Healthcare workers have the greatest exposure, but school faculty members and staff deal with a lot of potentially hazardous body fluids as well.

This training will explain how to protect yourself and others from BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS



#### The Basics

- 1. What are bloodborne pathogens?
- 2. Prevention methods
- 3. Exposure opportunities
- 4. Contaminants



### How Can I Protect Myself?

- Follow established guidelines
- When in doubt...protect yourself
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Follow proper procedure for removing gloves after use



### Sharps

What are "sharps"?

How do I dispose of a sharp?



#### Work Practice Controls

- Never pick up contaminated glass by hand
- Never push down overflowing garbage
- Clean contaminated surface or object with appropriate disinfectant
- Use the proper handwashing technique







#### What if an Exposure Occurs?

- Don't panic!
- Wash
- Flush
- Irrigate
- Report
- Visit
- Assume

#### Now that you are aware of the dangers...

- Reduce your risk of exposure
  - Use precautions consistently
    - ✓ Follow the proper steps

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