



## **BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURES FOR COSMETOLOGY PRACTITIONERS**

*NOTE:* All products used during a blood exposure incident must be applied with an applicator. Every attempt must be made to insure that these products do not come in contact with the skin or the wound. Any material coming into contact with skin or wound are considered contaminated. All contaminated materials are to be placed in a double bag.

The following steps must be taken if a blood exposure occurs:

- A band-aid (if necessary) as well as an appropriate antiseptic should be available to the injured party.
- All contaminated material should be disposed of using a double bag as noted above.

### **PRACTITIONER INJURY:**

1. In the event that a practitioner sustains a cut, service must be stopped and the injured area must be cleaned.
2. An antiseptic should be applied to the injury using an applicator.
3. Cover the injury with an adhesive dressing.
4. If bleeding occurs on the hand, a disposable glove should be placed on that hand.
5. All affected surface areas should be cleaned and disinfected.\*
6. All contaminated items including gloves must be placed in a double bag as noted above.
7. Completely seal the double bags and place in a covered waste receptacle.
8. Hands should be cleaned using an antibacterial soap or an alcohol-based sanitizer.
9. If injury occurred on hand, a disposable glove should be placed on that hand prior to continuation of services.
10. Proceed with the service.

### **CLIENT INJURY:**

1. If bleeding occurs, the service must stop and the practitioner's hands must be covered with disposable gloves.
2. Clean the injured area and apply an antiseptic using an applicator.
3. Cover the injured area with an adhesive dressing.
4. All affected surface areas and any instruments and equipment that came into contact with blood should be cleaned and disinfected.\*
5. All contaminated items including gloves must be placed in a double bag as noted above.
6. Completely seal the double bags and place in a covered waste receptacle.
7. Hands should be cleaned using an antibacterial soap or an alcohol-based sanitizer.
8. Proceed with the service.

### **\*DISINFECT THE WORK SURFACE:**

1. Clean all contaminated surfaces with suitable cleaner.
2. Apply disinfectant to the surfaces. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Some disinfectants must remain on the work surface for 10 minutes for full effectiveness.
3. Wipe the surface dry with a clean cloth or paper towel.