

# 9 STEPS TO CLEANING A BLOOD SPILL



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## BLOCK OFF THE AREA

Use signs, tape, chairs or whatever else you have available to block off the area in order to prevent others from coming into contact with the blood spill. Place a fresh trash bag next to the blood spill.

## GATHER SUPPLIES

Gather the materials needed to clean the blood spill. This includes protective gear, an EPA-registered disinfectant, absorbent materials, tools to collect the solidified blood, and disposal supplies.

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## PROTECT YOURSELF

Prevent the risk of blood coming into contact with your clothes or skin by wearing protective gloves, gown with sleeves, shoe covers, hairnet and a face mask with an eye shield.

## SPRAY CONTAMINATED SITE

Spray the entire spill with an EPA-registered disinfectant that has specific kill claims for HIV, MRSA, Norovirus, E. coli, Salmonella and other dangerous pathogens.

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## SPRINKLE ABSORBENT

Sprinkle absorbent material over the entire spill site and allow enough time for the blood to solidify completely.

## SCOOP UP & THROW AWAY

Use disposable tools like a scoop, scraper and dustpan to collect all of the solidified blood from the spill site. Place the blood in the trash bag. Throw the clean up tools in the trash bag when all the blood has been removed.

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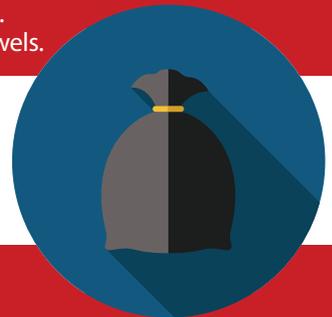
## DISINFECT THE SITE

Spray the site again with an EPA-registered disinfectant. Allow the site to air dry. Place the bottle of disinfectant into the trash bag. Disinfect and wipe any exposed vertical surfaces with paper towels.

## TOSS EVERYTHING INTO TRASHBAG

Throw all materials and protective clothing into the trash bag. Gloves should be the last item removed and thrown away.

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## DISCARD OF THE TRASHBAG

Throw the trash bag away into an outside dumpster. Thoroughly wash your hands for 20 seconds once you are back in the building.