# Bloodborne Pathogens: Universal Precautions

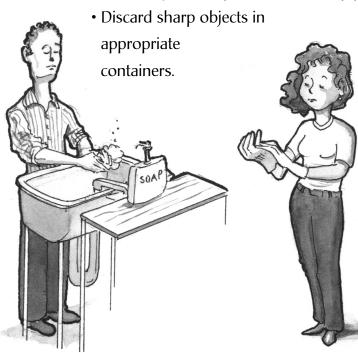
### To protect yourself from the unknown, make these precautions part of your daily routine.

### **Always:**

- Treat blood and body fluids as if they were infected.
- Protect yourself with latex gloves and pocket masks (for CPR).
- Bandage cuts, scrapes and broken skin.
- Wash hands and exposed areas with soap and water immediately after exposure.

#### **Never:**

- break, bend or recap used needles or other sharp objects.
- eat, drink or store food in an area with potential exposure.
- smoke, put on makeup or handle contacts 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

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