

South Dakota Project Firstline



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Infection Control Actions: Bloodborne Pathogens

Understand and prevent the spread of bloodborne pathogens in the workplace through effective infection control measures.

Educational Resource for Healthcare Professionals: [CDC Micro-Learns-Blood](#)

What are Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP)?

Bloodborne Pathogens are infectious microorganisms in human blood that can cause diseases such as HIV and hepatitis.

Where are the Risks?

The greatest risks for exposure come from needlesticks and contact with infectious materials like blood and other body fluids.

Prevention:

Hierarchy of Controls

Implementing a hierarchy of controls—from eliminating risks to using protective equipment—is essential to prevent exposure to BBPs.

Exposure Control Plans

Every workplace should have an Exposure Control Plan that identifies risks, outlines safety procedures, and provides employee training.

Sharps Injury Prevention Program

A Sharps Injury Prevention Program ensures safe handling and disposal of needles and other sharp objects to prevent accidental injuries.

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Office Hours Call Link:

Join us! Office Hours are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am CST. Each month we focus on Infection Prevention tips. *Learn, share, network!*

Join the **South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care** scheduled Zoom meeting for Office Hours, Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcyegqTotHdwQpfrjApSA-nQwCd5oe99P>