



Health and Safety + Infection Control Monthly Message



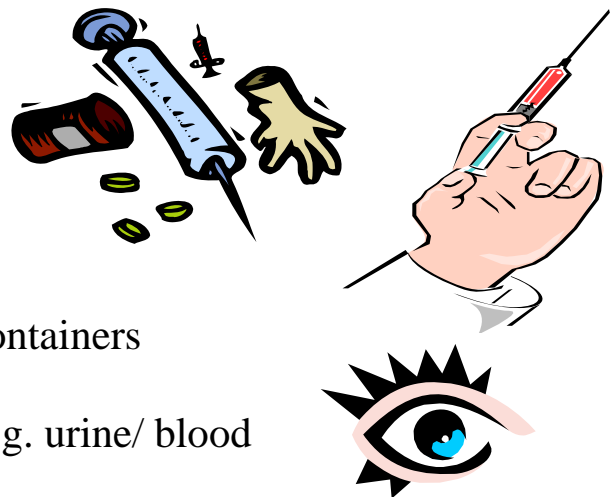
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BLOOD & BODY FLUID EXPOSURES

WCDHB staff injured in the course of duty should complete a Blood and Body Fluid Incident Form. It is important to notify Infection Control and a message can be left on the answer phone during the day or night, the Laboratory also needs to be made aware that an incident has occurred so that they are aware to process the blood sample ASAP.

Types of Incidents that can occur and should be reported are:

- ↳ Needle-sticks
- ↳ Bites
- ↳ Injury from Sharps in rubbish
- ↳ Injury from overfilled sharps containers
- ↳ Eye splashes from body fluid e.g. urine/ blood



- ⇒ Staff should be able to locate the blood and body fluid kit for their area
- ⇒ Infection Control should be notified as soon as the incident occurs
- ⇒ The Incident/Accident Form should be completed on the day the incident occurs
- ⇒ Notification to the Supervisor on the day the incident occurs
- ⇒ **Reduce incidents by taking care when handling sharps**

