



Action to be taken

BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES (BBVs) HUMAN BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

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IMMEDIATELY

Needle sticks, cuts or scratches

- Do not squeeze the wound to make it bleed.
- Wash with soap and water at least 5 minutes then rinse.
- Disinfect for at least 5 minutes, with:
 - Dakin's solution
 - 70% alcohol

Splashes to eyes

- Rinse thoroughly with plenty of running water for at least 5 minutes, holding eyelids wide open, head tilted back and the affected eye focused downwards.

Urgently consult the referring doctor

- Contact the nearest Accident and Emergency department for advice, without delay.

Inform you may have been infected with a BBV.

- The referring doctor will consider the blood-borne viruses (hepatitis B and C, HIV).
- He will consider the need for prophylactic medication. Treatment have to be taken as soon as possible, ideally less than 4 hours.
- For more information: Sida Info Service (HIV services) 0 800 840 800.

IN ALL CASES

- Declare the accident (medical certificate required).
- Inform your safety manager immediately.
- All injuries to be reported using the occupational health and safety logbook.
- Report all incidents to the Occupational Health Doctor for investigation and follow-up.