

Know the  
biohazard symbol:  
heed its warning!



**BIOHAZARD**

# Bloodborne Pathogens Universal Precautions

**Take universal precautions:  
they're your best protection!**

**Treat all human blood and body fluids  
as if they are infected.**

## **DO**

- Cover cuts, rashes, and broken skin.
- Wash hands and exposed skin with soap and water or an antiseptic hand cleanser immediately after exposure to infectious fluids.
- Use a disinfectant solution to clean and decontaminate any area where fluids have spilled.
- Avoid splashes and spills of body fluids.
- Handle needles or other “sharps” carefully and dispose of them properly.
- Use a pocket mask or other protective device if performing CPR.

## **DON'T**

- Break or shear contaminated needles or other sharps.
- Reuse needles or other sharps.
- Keep food or drink in areas with exposure potential.
- Eat, drink, smoke, apply cosmetics or lip balm, or handle contact lenses where there are body fluids.
- Suction potentially infectious materials with your mouth.