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Employees will treat all human blood and certain body fluids as though they are known to be infected with bloodborne pathogens, and will follow infection control precautions and guidelines as specified in this guideline and in training.

For example, when first aid attendants are in situations where someone requires CPR or first aid, there is potential for contact with blood or body fluids capable of transmitting bloodborne pathogens. In these situations first aid attendants should cover all cuts and abrasions to create a barrier and wear gloves. They should carefully wash all exposed areas after any contact with blood or body fluids capable of transmitting bloodborne pathogens, and wash hands after glove removal.

Universal precautions are discussed in each guideline.

**Note:** Certain Body Fluids - Body fluids that are not implicated in the transmission of HIV, and hepatitis B and C **unless visibly contaminated with blood** are:

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| * + Tears |
| * + Nasal secretions |
| * + Sputum (coughed up from the lungs) |