

Procedures for Bloodborne Pathogen and Vomit Response in Residence Halls and Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste (RMW)

Accidental release identified

RA/RD secures area with caution tape or cones* and contacts Facilities Services for response:
days - Work Control Center x5661
weekends and evenings - Heating Plant x5656
* if release is so diverse, it may be necessary to direct traffic away from the scene until Custodial arrives

Facilities personnel complete WO and contact trained response

Response personnel arrive at incident site with kit(s), and garbage bags and assess clean-up requirements.

Custodial response personnel cannot enter private residence hall rooms for clean-up unless RA/RD is present.

custodial response personnel request additional kits or bulk clean-up materials, if release is larger than expected.

Custodial response personnel put on protective gear included in kit and clean-up release following kit instructions.

Will waste be a Regulated Medical Waste (RMW)? For detailed definition of RMW see DOH website <http://www.health.state.ny.us/facilities/waste/>

Yes.
The waste CONTAINS BLOOD.

Place all waste in Red Bags for disposal. Wash hands.

Place Red Bags in RMW containers at appropriate collection points:
Residence Life: Schrader 33

Contracted RMW disposal firm removes waste after weighing containers and completing manifest. Manifest must include a departmental signature.
Copy of manifest must remain with department for 3 years. A second copy must be forwarded to the EHS Department. Intermittent or semester-only use of disposal service may require contacting disposal firm to verify date/time of pick-up.

No.
Waste DOES NOT CONTAIN BLOOD.
Waste is only vomit, feces or urine.

Place all waste in regular trash bags (triple bagged). Keep red bags for another time. Wash hands.

Garbage bags are placed in the nearest trash pick-up center

