



WRHA VOLUNTEER SERVICES GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINE MANUAL

Good Practice Guideline: Sharps, Spills and Body Fluids – Direct Service and Collaborative Volunteers	Reference # 6.4	Page 1 of 1
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GOOD PRACTICE DESIRED OUTCOME:

To ensure that all volunteers are knowledgeable and informed of appropriate action when they encounter sharps and spills.

DEFINITIONS:

Sharps include needles, blades, and items with rough or sharp edges including broken glass, plastic or metal.

Spills include any liquid or powder substance.

Body Fluids include blood, vomit, saliva, fecal matter or urine.

GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES:

1. Volunteers are not authorized to handle sharps and spills at any time. Volunteers must report any sharps and spills to staff.
2. Volunteer placement supervisors must outline the procedures for handling sharps, spills and exposure to body fluids during the volunteer’s orientation, if applicable. Volunteers will receive the Volunteer Handbook and the Blood/Body Fluids Exposure Follow-up Card.
3. The WRHA Manager of Volunteer Services will review the section of the volunteer handbook on handling sharps, spills and exposure to body fluids with a WRHA Medical Officer of Health prior to each printing.

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