

# BETTER SAFE THAN SICK

TAKE PRECAUTIONS WHEN DEALING WITH BLOODBORNE & AIRBORNE PATHOGENS

IF **BLOOD** OR **OTHER POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS** MATERIALS SPLASH IN YOUR EYES OR OTHER MUCOUS MEMBRANES:



- 1 FLUSH THE AREA** with water for 20 minutes
- 2 WASH EXPOSED AREAS** using soap and water
- 3 TREAT SCABS & SORES GENTLY** when cleaning your skin
- 4 REPORT THE EXPOSURE** to your supervisor immediately
- 5 SAVE** potentially contaminated objects so they can be tested
- 6 GET MEDICAL CARE** as soon as possible

**DROPLETS OF MOISTURE** FROM AN INFECTED PERSON'S COUGH OR SNEEZE CAN REMAIN AIRBORNE FOR SEVERAL HOURS!

TO PROTECT AGAINST **AIRBORNE PATHOGENS**:

- 1 ISOLATE PEOPLE** with meningitis, influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis
- 2 USE UV LIGHTING** to destroy environmental bacteria
- 3 INSTALL SPECIAL AIR FILTERS** where appropriate
- 4 WEAR** a fitted face mask and protective clothing

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