

Needlestick and Sharps Injuries. What to do if they occur.

Action to be taken following a Sharps, Splash or Bite Injury with exposure to potentially infectious material.

Wounds

Gently Encourage Bleeding

Wash with soap and water but do not scrub

Cover with a dry dressing

Report the incident to the Supervisor, First Aider or HSC

Ensure the incident is reported on the Incident Reporting System

Keep the details of the potentially infectious material source and contact details of individual affected. If there is not exposure to infectious material. Report the incident only as follow up is not required.

Splash Incidents

If in eyes remove contact lenses and irrigate with cold running water.
If in mouth rinse mouth with cold water.

If there is exposure to infectious material attend Accident and Emergency at the Royal Berkshire Hospital and advise that you have had a needletick injury.

They will usually take some blood from you and explain what they will do with the sample. Any other action or treatment will be discussed with you.

Inform occupational Health about the incident ASAP. Telephone EXT 8635

You will be advised of any follow up that is required.