

## Reporting of blood contamination injuries

<b>First aid following a sharps injury / blood splash</b>
Encourage puncture site to bleed by applying pressure (do not suck).
Wash site liberally with soap and running water without scrubbing, cover with waterproof plaster.
Wash exposed eyes / mucous membranes thoroughly with running water or saline, before and after removing any contact lenses
Remove offending item and dispose of it carefully into an approved sharps bin.
Report incident to designated member of staff immediately.
Complete the risk assessment and seek immediate medical advice.



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### WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A SHARPS/NEEDLESTICK INJURY



**BLEED IT** - Squeeze wound to encourage bleeding



**WASH IT** - with soap, under running water



**COVER IT** - with a waterproof dressing



**REPORT IT**

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