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## Standard Operation Procedure – Faecal Sludge Spills

### 1. What should we do in an event of infectious faecal sludge spills?

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Examples: impermeable gloves (non-soak through gloves), safety glasses and a lab coat.
- Clean all spill contact areas with anti-bacterial soap or appropriate detergent.
- Disinfect thoroughly with a fresh dilute bleach solution. (1:10 with water).
- Soak up liquids with absorbent pads or paper towels.
- Place all spill clean-up in autoclave bags and autoclave before discarding.

### 2. What should we do if we are exposed to Infectious waste?

- Did infectious agents come in contact with any broken skin?
- Were the mucous membranes involved (mouth, nose, eyes)?
- Wash with anti-bacterial soap.
- If eyes were involved, flush with water for 15 minutes.
- Report to the clinic.