



Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

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Subject <b>Universal Precautions for Avoiding Bloodborne Pathogens</b>	
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**Subject Overview:** The NFTA has a written Bloodborne Pathogen Program. Certain NFTA employees, such as custodians, maintenance staff, and airport rescue firefighters are enrolled in the program due to the chance of exposure through one’s job duties. Always practice universal precautions and treat all bodily fluids as contaminated. Not every hazard is visible; therefore, proper care must be taken at all times to reduce the chance of exposure to needles, sharp objects, blood, bodily fluids, or any other potentially infectious materials (OPIM).

### Information for everyone:

1. Never sling garbage bags over shoulders;
2. Never kick or boost up garbage bags with thighs or allow bags to brush against legs;
3. Do not push garbage down with hands or feet;
4. Use a cart or barrel when transporting garbage bags;
5. Properly dispose of personal medical waste and sharp objects so that contact is avoided;
6. Be familiar with the nearest sharps disposal container;
7. Clean up and disposal of all OPIM should be performed by trained employees only;
8. Avoid all contact with needles.

### Bus Operators:

1. Operators should never handle or attempt to remove any OPIM on a bus, including needles. If encountered, call Control for assistance.

### If enrolled in the NFTA Bloodborne Pathogen Program:

1. Review the written NFTA Bloodborne Pathogen Program;
2. Attend the annual required training;
3. Know where your location’s spill kits are and be familiar with what is inside of them;
4. Wear all required personal protective equipment and ensure all PPE fits properly;
5. Practice universal precautions when handling any potentially infectious material;
6. Opt to receive the series of 3 Hepatitis B vaccinations, or sign a declination if not pursuing;
7. Alert your supervisor immediately if you believe you have been exposed to an OPIM.



← Example of spill kit contents. Remember, only those enrolled in the Bloodborne Pathogen Program should be cleaning or disposing of blood or OPIM.