

OSHA Standard Precautions for Your Participant-hired Workers

What are Standard Precautions?

Standard Precautions are basic infection control guidelines for your participant-hired workers to follow as they perform their daily work. These guidelines help prevent the spread of blood borne diseases and infections.

Why should I worry about this?

As an employer, you must adhere to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) guidelines to protect your participant-hired workers. Also, you want to keep yourself and your participant-hired workers free from communicable disease.



What do I need to do?

- Let your participant-hired workers know you expect them to follow these guidelines.
- Remind them to wash their hands, supplying soap and clean towels or paper towels.
- Supply and require them to wear gloves when they are in contact with body fluids (i.e. feces, urine, mucous membranes, blood, saliva, etc.)
- If your physician requires that your participant-hired workers wear gowns and masks, you must supply these items.
- Supply sharps containers for needle disposal if your participant-hired workers assist you with injections.
- Review this information with your participant-hired workers upon hire, annually and when needed.

Where can I get more information?

Get more information on OSHA guidelines and disease prevention from the following websites or your local County Health Department:

- www.osha.gov
- www.cdc.gov