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645—63.10(157) Universal precautions. All licensees shall practice universal precautions consistently by observing the following:

- 1. Place used needles, razor blades and other sharp instruments in a puncture-resistant container for disposal. These containers shall be located as close to the use area as is practical.
- 2. Wear disposable gloves to prevent exposure to blood, body fluids containing visible blood, or body fluids to which universal precautions apply.
- 3. Immediately and thoroughly wash hands and other skin surfaces that are contaminated with blood and other body fluids to which universal precautions apply.
- 4. Refrain from all direct client care and from handling client-care equipment if the licensee has weeping dermatitis or draining lesions.
- 5. Any disposable sharp objects that come in contact with blood or other body fluids shall be disposed of in a red, sealable, rigid container (punctureproof) that is clearly labeled for disposal of hazardous waste sharps. Disposable sharp objects include electrology needles which shall be immediately disposed of after use.
 - 6. Disinfect all instruments or implements that do not penetrate or puncture the skin.