BIOHAZARDS IN RETAIL

Biohazard exposure includes any situation or incident where blood or body fluids could be present. These incidents can lead to a biohazard exposure if someone’s blood, saliva or other body fluids come into contact with another person’s eyes, nose, mouth or open wound.

**Hazards Involved/Arise**
- Hypodermic needles
- Condoms
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers
- Used undergarments/clothing
- Tissues
- Contaminated broken glass
- Discarded food
- Body fluids (blood, vomit, feces, etc.)

**People Affected**
- Shippers
- Receivers
- All employees (washroom attendants, housekeeping, cart attendants)

**Existing Controls**
- Sharps containers available in public washrooms
- Proper training on identifying and using controls for biohazards
- Disinfection methods for surfaces
- Disposal of contaminated materials
- Only trained staff clean up biohazards
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including:
  - Goggles
  - Puncture-resistant gloves or double gloves
  - Disposable gloves

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