

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

To ensure that all Dental Service Employees are aware of procedures in case of exposure of the eye(s) to blood and/or other potentially infectious materials.

PROCEDURE:

Any Dental Service Employee who, during the course of their duties, has an exposure of the eye(s) to blood or other potentially infectious materials must immediately proceed to the eye wash station, and flush the eye(s) with copious amounts of eye wash supplied there.

1. One Eye wash station should be designated at each facility dental clinic. A clearly marked sign should indicate this location.
2. Following eye exposure, the employee must move quickly to the eye wash station*. Avoid rubbing or blinking the eye(s). Flush eye with water and pat dry with sterilized 4x4 gauze.
*Sterile bottled eye wash/irrigant can be used if eye wash station is not equipped in the facility.
3. Report incident to supervisor.
4. Complete an Event Notification Report, and Employer Industrial Accident Report packet.

REFERENCE

JCHS Policy # C-304, "Oral Care"