



KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Biohazard Safety

Biohazards are materials or human waste that cause infections or disease. If you work in areas with wastewater, medical waste, or live sewer lines, for example, you should assume that all surfaces are contaminated.

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Remember to:

- Avoid direct contact with sewage
- Wash your hands well to prevent spread contaminants
- Clean, treat, and report any cuts or wounds right away to prevent infection
- Use liquid-proof gloves, boots, and face protection when you will have direct contact with sewage. Use a face shield if there might be splashing
- Keep contaminated gloves, boots, face protection, and other equipment away from areas where food is eaten or stored
- For pipeline and other inspections, use remote-controlled robotic cameras to minimize human exposure
- Remove contaminated clothing at the site, if possible. A full decontamination process at the site may be necessary
- Wash clothing at a high temperature (at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit) to destroy all germs

For more information visit OSHA REGULATION: 1926.28

Teamwork Improves Safety!