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|  |  Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center Policy Manual | Policy Number 1513 |
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| | Labeling of Potentially Hazardous Material | |

POLICY:

All containers of regulated waste, refrigerators and freezers containing blood or other potentially infectious material and other containers used to store, transport or ship blood or other potentially infectious material shall be clearly labeled with an international biohazard symbol or placed in a red bag or red container which meets the requirements of the policies for handling trash and infectious waste.

All employees shall practice Standard Precautions and comply with the specific requirements of the policy for handling trash and infectious waste when exposed to any biological waste or potentially biologically contaminated trash. Any such material containerized in anything other than a red container, shall be labeled with an easily visible biohazard label.

Blood or blood product containers which are not labeled as biohazard must be stored in labeled containers until released for imminent transfusion or other clinical use. These containers need not be individually labeled as biohazard as long as they are labeled as to the contents.

Equipment which has been exposed to possible contamination by blood or other potentially biologically hazardous material shall be labeled in an easily visible manner with a biohazard label specifically referencing the area of equipment which is contaminated. Equipment so labeled shall then be handled in accordance with the local housekeeping policy on potentially contaminated equipment.