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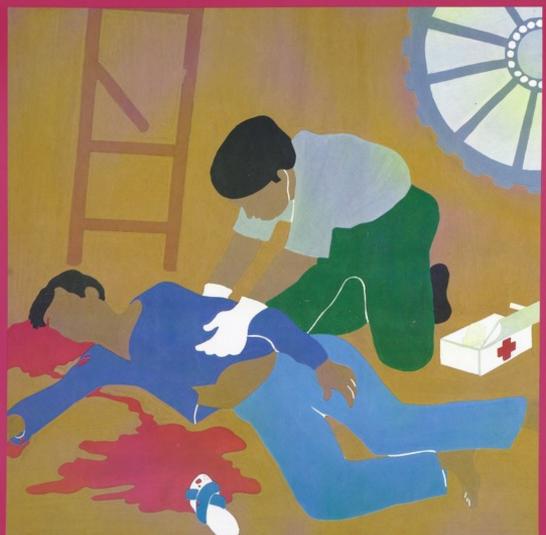
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## HIV/AIDS AND ACCIDENTS



- PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN WHETHER OR NOT THE INDIVIDUAL INJURED IS KNOWN TO BE HIV POSITIVE.
- FIRST AID TREATMENT WHICH INVOLVES CONTACT WITH BLOOD PRESENTS A VERY SMALL RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF HIV (AND OTHER INFECTIONS, SUCH AS HEPATITIS) FROM AN INFECTED PERSON. THERE ARE NO REPORTED CASES OF HIV INFECTION BEING TRANSMITTED BY MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION.
- DISPOSABLE GLOVES AND PLASTIC APRONS MUST BE WORN WHEN ATTENDING BLEEDING INJURIES AND FOR HANDLING TOOLS, CLOTHING, ETC., WHICH IS BLOODSTAINED. THIS EQUIPMENT MUST BE MADE READILY AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE IN THE WORKPLACE.
- BLOODSTAINED TOOLS, CLOTHING, ETC. CAN BE STERILIZED AGAINST HIV WITH BOILING WATER OF A 2:1 MIXTURE OF WATER AND BLEACH. BLEACH SHOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE AT ALL TIMES.
- FIRST-AID ATTENDANTS MUST WASH THEIR HANDS AND ANY EXPOSED SKI WITH DISINFECTANT SOAP AFTER ATTENDING INJURED CO-WORKERS.



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