

# Reopening Body Art Facilities after Flooding

After a flood, a Body Art Facility should conduct damage assessments and implement cleaning protocols to ensure that normal operations can be resumed safely and without compromising the health and safety of clients.

## Inspection

It is the responsibility of the manager or facility operator to conduct a complete self-inspection of their facility after a flood. The manager or facility operator of impacted facilities should contact our Division to conduct an inspection of the facility prior to resuming operation.

## Indoor Cleanup

1. Wear rubber boots and gloves.
2. Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces using the recommendations below.
3. Remove and discard contaminated porous materials, including carpet and drywall.
4. Disinfect clean-up mops, brooms, and brushes with a bleach solution.

## Outdoor Cleanup

1. Spread powdered lime over contaminated area.
2. Treat hard surfaces with a water/bleach solution.
3. Properly dispose of contaminated materials.
4. Allow a day to air dry.

## Sanitizing

Proper decontamination must be conducted to eliminate potential safety risk. Decontamination and sanitization should be used on equipment and structural surfaces that are salvageable. Proper sanitization methods include:

- a. Chlorine bleach at a concentration of 100-200 ppm (approximately one tablespoon of bleach in one gallon of potable water); or
- b. Quaternary ammonium at a concentration of 200 ppm.

## Physical Facilities

1. Thoroughly wash all interior surfaces (e.g., floors, walls, and ceilings) within the affected facility using potable water with a hot detergent solution. Rinse surfaces free of detergents and residues, and treat with a sanitizing solution.
2. Structural components of the building (e.g., walls, piping, ceiling, and HVAC system/ventilation systems) affected by flood waters should be cleaned, repaired, and disinfected, where possible, to prevent mold. Permits from local building departments should also be obtained, if applicable.

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3. Remove and destroy all absorbent materials, such as carpet, drywall, etc. that have been water damaged.
4. Dry all remaining structural components as quickly as possible. Do not close in any new construction until the structural components are dry.

### **Equipment**

1. Make sure to review and implement your Infection Prevention and Control Plan.
2. Properly discard and remove all equipment that has been submerged in flood waters or affected by moisture.
3. All impacted needles and tubes should be placed in a biohazardous sharps container for proper disposal.
4. All biohazardous waste should be transported by a licensed medical waste hauler and disposed of at a permitted facility.
5. All body art inks that have been exposed to flood water should be disposed of.
6. All client consent forms or HIPAA related documents should be stored off-site in a secured location until the facility can begin normal operations. If these documents are damaged, they should be shredded.
7. For any re-usable equipment that was not impacted by flood waters, they should be properly cleaned, packaged and sterilized as specified in California Health and Safety Code.

### **Pest Control**

1. Verify that you do not have a pest infestation.
2. If you are having pest issues, contact your certified pest control company to conduct a sanitary survey and address the infestation prior to reopening.

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