



## Definitions

### EHSS-Phos Program – Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP), Appendix A

The following table defines key terms used in the *EHS-Phos Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP)* program:

Term	Definition
Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP)	Disease-causing microorganisms that are present in the human blood. These include, but are not limited to Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
ERT Members	An employee in good standing on ERT, and trained and current in first aid, and dedicated to responding to various emergencies such as chemical, fire, medical, confined space emergencies, and hazardous cleanup.
Exposure incident	A specific exposure to the eye, mouth, mucous membrane, or parental contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties.
First aid providers	Someone trained in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the delivery of initial emergency procedures</li><li>• using limited equipment to perform a primary assessment and intervention until Emergency Medical Services, or EMS, personnel arrive</li></ul>
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)	United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information.
Other Potentially Infectious Materials	Semen, vaginal secretions, brain, spinal, embryonic sac, or connecting joint fluids, as well as, heart, lung, or abdominal cavity fluids. It also includes any other body fluids that are visibly contaminated with blood, all body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between the fluids, and any unfixed tissues or organs.
Parenteral	Piercing skin or mucous membranes by needlesticks, human bites, cuts, or abrasions.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Specialized clothing or equipment worn by an employee for protection against a hazard. General work clothes (e.g., uniforms, pants, shirts etc.) not intended to function as protection against a hazard are not considered PPE.



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Universal Precautions	An approach to infection control. According to the concept of Universal Precautions, all human blood and certain human body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV, and other bloodborne pathogens.