

# Requirements and Best Practices for Trauma Cleaning and Biohazard Removal Companies

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There are many considerations for a family when choosing a company to handle clean up or bio-remediation services after a traumatic event. For their health and safety, as well as the thorough completion of the work, dealing with a qualified, reputable company is critical. Always ensure that any company being considered for work is compliant with the following requirements and best practices:

## Training/Compliance:

1. Evidence of bloodborne pathogen training and compliance. (OSHA-29 CFR § 1910.1030 et seq.)
2. Evidence of personal protective equipment training and compliance. (OSHA-29 CFR §1910.1030(d)(3)(i) and 29 CFR § 1910.132 et seq.)
3. Evidence of respiratory protection training and compliance. (OSHA-29 CFR § 1910.134 et seq.)
4. Evidence of hazardous communication training and compliance. (OSHA-29 CFR § 1910.1200 et seq.)
5. Evidence of a heat-illness awareness training program, including an on-site heat-stress level testing program, such as Wet Bulb Globe.
6. Evidence of job-specific OSHA training, such as Lock Out / Tag Out protocols for cleanings involve machinery, Lift and Fall Protection for cleanings involving ladders and scaffoldings, Hearing Safety for jobs involving high-noise equipment, and Back Safety for any and all lifting performed by employees.
7. Ongoing OSHA, medical waste handling/transporting, and process training for its employees. (OSHA-29 CFR § 1910.1030(g)(2) et seq. and EPA-40 CFR § 745.80 Subpart E)
8. Evidence of expertise in environmental and regulatory compliance. (DOT, EPA, state & local agencies)
9. Evidence of compliance with asbestos regulations. (asbestos may be found in older homes & disturbing of asbestos without proper compliance violates multiple state & federal agency regulations)
10. A written exposure control program in the event of an accidental exposure incident. (OSHA-29 CFR § 1910.1030(c)(1))
11. A training facility for its employees.

## Insurance:

1. Proof of workers compensation insurance.
2. Proof of commercial general liability insurance.
3. Proof of contractor's environmental liability insurance.
4. Proof of insurance coverage to protect against theft or property damage.
5. Proof of auto insurance for all company vehicles.

## Medical Waste:

1. Biohazard placarding on its vehicles. (DOT-49 CFR Part 172, Subpart D)
2. Evidence of a medical waste transporter license.
3. Evidence of a contract with a licensed medical waste disposal company, where applicable.
4. Evidence of adhering and meeting requirements for packaging, handling, transporting, and reporting of regulated medical waste. (DOT-49 CFR Part 173, Subpart E and 49 CFR Part 173.6 Subpart A and state environmental agency regulations)

## Company:

1. Evidence that biohazard technicians have had Hepatitis B vaccinations. (OSHA-29 CFR. § 1910.1030(f)(2))
2. Evidence of drug testing of its employees (random and pre-employment)
3. Evidence of background checks of its employees.
4. Evidence of clean driving records of its employees.
5. Evidence that the company does not use sub-contractors to do the remediation work.
6. Validated references or testimonials from customers.
7. Evidence of expertise in biohazard remediation.
8. Specifically designed chemicals formulated to serve the biohazard remediation industry.