



**Hygiene**  
Audits

**Standard  
Precautions**



## **Standard Precautions**

Duration of course approx. 2 hours (depending on training needs)

### **Course Objectives:**

To give the healthcare worker an understanding of the basic level of infection control precautions which are to be used regardless of a patient's or service-user's diagnosis or presumed infectious status. Standard precautions are designed to reduce the risk of bloodborne and other pathogens from both recognised and unrecognised sources.

### **Topics covered include**

- Hand hygiene
- How to use personal protective equipment
- Respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette
- Safe disposal of sharps and safe injection standards
- Safe disposal of linen
- Safe disposal of waste
- Precautions necessary for Multi drug resistant organisms

### **By the end of this course, you will be able to:**

1. Identify your duty of care and responsibilities regarding infection prevention and control.
2. Continually assess the risk of infection spread within your workplace.
3. Identify and apply appropriate standard precautions.
4. Reflect on your own actions and behaviours in relation to infection prevention and control.

Certificate of completion will be given by Hygiene Audits

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Continuing Education Units (CEU's) Pending

