Public Swimming Pools and Spa Pools Incident Response-Contamination of Surfaces

Hard surfaces within public swimming pools and spa pools may become contaminated with faeces, vomit or blood, or with water of poor quality that has been contaminated by such substances. In these instances, operators should follow the remediation measures below.

- 1. Restrict access to the affected area.
- 2. Remove all visible contamination with disposable cleaning products and dispose of appropriately.
- 3. Disinfect the affected area using a chlorine solution of one part household bleach to 10 parts water. Note that the mentioned dilution factor is based on a bleach product containing 10–12.5 per cent sodium hypochlorite. Apply liberally and leave to soak for 10 minutes.
- 4. Hose the affected area, directing the water to a stormwater drainage point.
- 5. Record the incident and remedial action taken.
- 6. Reopen the affected area.