What to do next

A checklist for the days after a death, a crime or an accident at home.

1 Do not clean it up yourself

Keep children and pets out of the room. Blood and body fluids can carry disease. Hepatitis B stays infectious on surfaces for at least 7 days (CDC).

2 Call your insurance agent

Homeowners and landlord policies often cover this cleanup. Renters insurance usually covers belongings only. Call before you sign a contract.

3 Ask about victim compensation

If a crime happened, your state's crime victim compensation program may pay part of the cleanup. The cleanup limit is usually far lower than the program's top award. Keep every receipt and your police report number.

4 Choose the company yourself

You decide who comes into your home. Get two written prices if you can. Use the questions on the right.

Before you hire, ask

- Are your technicians trained in OSHA bloodborne pathogen safety?
- Do you have the biohazard waste permit our state requires?
- Can I see your liability insurance?
- Will you give me a written price before you start?
- Will you bill my insurance company directly?

Be careful if a company

- wants full payment before work starts
- will not put the price in writing
- pushes you to sign today

KEEP THIS INFORMATION

Police report number _____ Insurance claim number _____

Victim advocate _____ Advocate phone _____

Compare local cleanup companies

Scan the code or go to **biocleanersdirectory.com/next-steps** to find your state's victim compensation program and cleanup companies near you.

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