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SMOHIT Safety Sense Toolbox Talks for the Sheet Metal Industry	HIV	Instructor Tips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize to workers the importance of wearing gloves and other PPE when caring for a bleeding victim and during blood clean-up procedures.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Immunodeficiency Virus, more commonly referred to as HIV, is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). • The spread of HIV can occur through sexual contact or with contact with blood or other bodily secretions through a break in the skin, such as from a cut or puncture by a needle. • Common symptoms of HIV include rapid weight loss, persistent, dry cough, recurring fever or profuse night sweats, profound and unexplained fatigue, swollen lymph glands in the armpits, groin, or neck. • Other symptoms include white spots or unusual blemishes on the tongue, in the mouth, or in the throat; pneumonia, red, brown, pink or purplish blotches on or under the skin or inside the mouth, nose or eyelids; memory loss, depression, and other neurological disorders. • Each of these symptoms can be related to other illnesses. No one should assume that they are infected if they have any of these symptoms. The only way to determine whether you are infected is to be tested for HIV infection. • The Centers for Disease Control recommends testing six months after the last possible exposure. Most people develop detectable antibodies within three months after infection. • Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, is the final and most serious stage of HIV disease. AIDS causes severe damage to the immune system. There is no cure for AIDS at this time. Several treatments are available that can delay the progression of disease for many years and improve the quality of life of those who have developed symptoms. • To prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, do not use intravenous drugs, and wear protective clothing, masks, and goggles when caring for people who are injured and bleeding. 	

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