

Q: WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO CLEAN UP BLOOD FROM THE ICE?

A: Cleaning up blood on the ice is tricky, because you are ultimately dealing with both a solid and a liquid.

To start, first make sure you are keeping all employees safe. As suggested on page 46 of this issue of *RINK* where we discuss dealing with blood-borne pathogens, employees should first be sure to wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as disposable gloves and eyewear.

Once protected, spray the entire area with a bleach and water mixture. Use about 1½ cups of liquid chlorine bleach and 1 gallon of fresh water.

Next, use a hand scraper to scrape up all the blood, just like you would clean up a paint spill during an ice install. Then, sweep up these shavings using a plastic putty knife and plastic dustpan. Refer to your health department for rules on how to properly dispose of these ice shavings.

All tools used for the cleanup should then be thoroughly disinfected using the same bleach and water mixture and should be air-dried. Gloves should then be removed and hands washed thoroughly using soap and warm water.



➔ Using a laser level and a sod roller will help ensure a level sand-based rink floor.

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Q: I'M LOOKING FOR SOME HELP AND INFORMATION ON LEVELING A SAND-BASED RINK FLOOR. ANY CHANCE YOU GUYS COULD ASSIST?

A: Our suggested method is using a laser level. Start by setting it up on the side of the rink. Then, place a 2' square piece of plywood under the staff with the laser sensor on it. Using a rake, loosely rake the floor as close to the level as you can. In most cases you are going to need to add sand because the old sand will settle. If you do need to add sand, use only washed and clean sand. You will also want to put down plywood under the wheelbarrow when moving and adding the sand on to the floor.

After you have the sand level, then roll the sand with a sod roller. The sod roller will make the sand flat and smooth so you will not need to build up the ice just to make it level. It should only take about one hour to roll it, and it is definitely worth the time to get the sand flat.

You can rent both the laser level and the sod roller at any equipment or hardware rental store. ➔