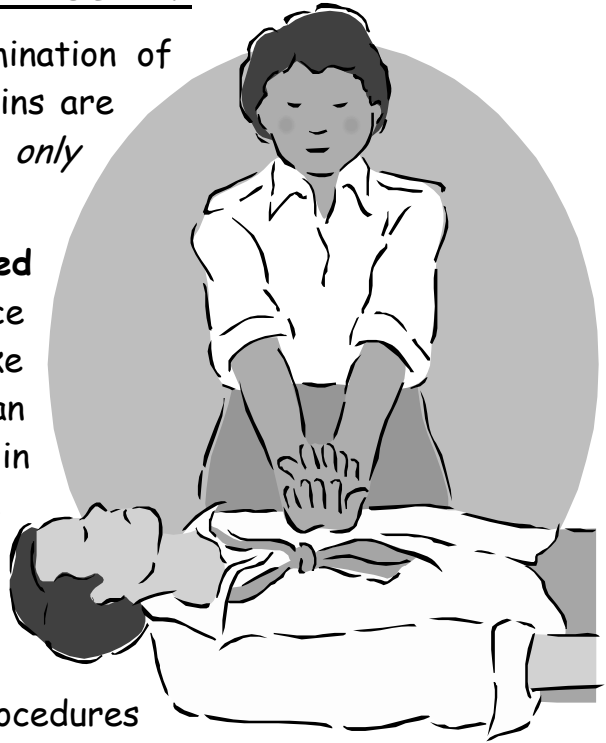


RED CROSS DECONTAMINATION POLICY

Many instructors falsely believe decontamination of mannequins is NOT needed if the mannequins are not ventilated into (*i.e. as long as you only "pretend" to blow in*).

It is standard protocol **all mannequins used** are to be washed and bleached in accordance with the Canadian Heart and Stroke Guidelines. Please contact the Saskatchewan Heart & Stroke Foundation office in Saskatoon at 306-244-2124 or the Canadian Red Cross Western office at 1-888-307-7997 for any additional information.



Specifically, mannequin decontamination procedures state "instructors and instructor-trainers have a legal and moral responsibility to **disinfect** mannequins **immediately** after **every** practice session". This means **each mannequin part that has been touched or breathed on to or into must be scrubbed with soap & water then rinsed and THEN soaked in a bleach solution for a minimum of ten minutes (*i.e. at least 60ml of bleach per 4 litres of water*)**. Please be sure to rinse each item after the disinfecting process and then have each item dried thoroughly before putting them away (*air drying is best*).

In this age of "**super bugs**" and, in particular, during flu season, we are reminded viruses are spread not only through body fluids but **by touch (*i.e. through hand contact*)**. Therefore, breathing **around** the face of a mannequin **and handling** the face indicates decontamination practices must be **STRICTLY enforced BY EVERY INSTRUCTOR AFTER EVERY USE**.

In order to protect yourself, your students and fellow instructors, please scrub, disinfect, rinse and dry ALL of the mannequins EVERY TIME you use them!