

Two important elements in **Routine Practices** are:

- Understanding the chain of transmission and knowing how to break the links in the chain of transmission; and
- Performing organizational and personal Risk Assessments

## The Chain Of Transmission

Transmission of an infectious agent does not occur if any of the links in the chain of transmission are “broken”.

Transmission may be interrupted when:

- the agent is eliminated or inactivated or cannot exit the reservoir
- portals of exit are eliminated through safe practices
- transmission between objects or people does not occur due to barriers and/or safe practices
- portals of entry are protected
- hosts are not susceptible

## Risk Assessment

An organizational risk assessment is performed by the employer to:

- put engineering controls in place
- put administrative controls in place
- provide PPE as required

A personal risk assessment is performed by staff to:

- identify controls already in place
- use additional measures, if needed

