

POST EXPOSURE CLEANSING

NOTE: *The following post exposure cleansing guidelines are recommendations only and are not intended to preclude comprehensive training from an established industry source. Consult your agency SOP or General Orders.*

Remove subject from the contaminated area. Keep subject calm and restrict activity. Check to make sure subject is breathing properly. Most subjects will begin to feel relief within 20 – 30 minutes. If after 45 minutes the subject does not feel relief, call EMS or physician.

EYES:

1. **DO NOT** allow subject to rub their eyes.
2. **DO NOT** apply commercial eyewash. Wash eyes out with generous amounts of cool water.
3. Determine if the subject is wearing contact lens. If so, allow them to remove or call EMS to remove. **DO NOT** remove lenses yourself. Hard contact lenses should be cleaned thoroughly; soft contact lenses should be discarded.
4. Keep eyes open and turn face in the direction of moving air (i.e. wind or fan).

NOSE:

1. Blow nose to remove discharge and particles of the active ingredient.
2. Repeatedly advise to relax and breathe normally.

SKIN:

1. **DO NOT** apply creams, salves, oils, lotions, or burn cream. These will confine the active ingredient inside the skin causing increased pain and prolonged effects.
2. Ice may be applied to burning areas.
3. If possible, allow subject to shower with cool water using mild soap. Be sure to direct subject to thoroughly shampoo hair.
4. Paper towels may be used to remove resin particles from the skin and speed up the cleansing process. Pat (**do not rub**) paper towels on the exposed area of the skin and discard after just one (1) use.
5. Repeatedly flush skin with generous amounts of cool water and turn face in the direction of moving air (i.e. wind or fan).

CHEST:

1. Talk reassuringly to subject to help relieve discomfort and avert panic. Verbally reassure subject that the effects they are feeling are temporary. Repeatedly advise to relax and breathe normally.

