



DECONTAMINATION BY CSEPP EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Begin immediately to decon, even if person has already performed self or buddy decon. Must be trained, equipped, and clothed to decon injured person before placing into transport to care facility. Perform decon according to these priorities:

- Priority 1:** Contaminated and require prompt medical attention due to agent exposure or other severe injury
- Priority 2:** Exhibiting signs/symptoms of agent exposure
- Priority 3:** Contaminated but not exhibiting signs/symptoms and don't urgently require medical attention
- Priority 4:** Suspected of being contaminated but show no signs of agent toxicity.

DECON PROCEDURES:

1. Remove person's outer clothing by cutting clothing and lifting person free onto wire stretcher or one with non-absorbent surface.
2. Remove rest of clothing by cutting it and pulling it from underneath person and removing personal items such as billfolds or wigs, hearing aids and artificial limbs. Place in agent-impermeable bag, seal and label with person's name, other id, and store for later disposition.



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3. Remove eyeglasses and contact lenses; place in agent-impermeable bag labeled for later disposition.
4. Remove bandage material, exercising extreme care when removing bandages used to control hemorrhages.
5. Blot (not swab or wipe) body surfaces with lots of undiluted household bleach (5%) or with reagents from Army skin decon kit; wash face and eyes with clear water.



Carefully decon persons with suspected mustard exposure. Body crevices and warm, moist areas are very susceptible to effects of mustard.

6. Decon chemical protective clothing of care provider.
7. Mark person with casualty tag, hospital bracelet, or by writing directly on chest or forehead with indelible marker indicating specific treatment and completion time.
8. Apply fresh bandages where necessary to control bleeding and place injured person in transport vehicle.



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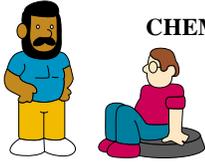
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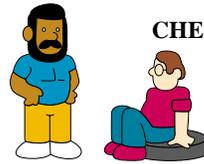
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SELF AND BUDDY DECON

Begin immediately. Don't wait to be "officially" decontaminated by special decon personnel. Buddy Decon is easier and allows for more thorough rinsing of places difficult to reach.

DECON STEPS:

- Remove all clothing, cutting off that normally removed over head. Decon hands using undiluted household bleach. Remove eyeglasses/contact lenses. If eyeglasses needed to evacuate, soak in bleach 5 minutes; rinse thoroughly with plain water.
- Remove hearing aids, artificial limbs, jewelry, watches, toupees, and wigs from body. If artificial limb needed to evacuate, remove it, wipe down with bleach, air it 5 min, rinse it, and reattach it.
- Flush eyes with lots of lukewarm water.
- Gently wash face & hair with soap/lukewarm water; thoroughly rinse with lukewarm water.
- Decon other body surfaces with bleach. Blot (not swab or wipe) with cloth soaked in bleach. If don't have bleach, wash and rinse with lukewarm water.
- Put on uncontaminated clothing. Clothing stored in drawers/closets unlikely to be contaminated.
- Place contaminated items in plastic bags.
- Proceed to nearest decon station, carrying only critical items (in plastic bag).



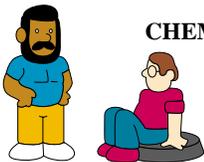
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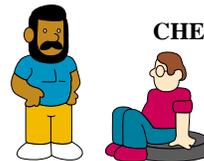
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