

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EXPOSURE

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h-1 GENERAL PROCEDURES

PRIORITIES:

- Safety of rescuers: Do NOT add to the number of victims.
- Park responding units upwind and/or uphill;
- Do NOT walk or drive through spilled materials;
- Do NOT take unnecessary risk that may lead to contamination.
- DECONTAMINATION (a fire department responsibility) takes priority over medical interventions and transport;
- ABCs
- Treat patients symptomatically
- Assure an advanced life support response.

General Procedures (Initiate procedures AFTER decontamination)

1. Evaluate and ensure patient's airway is patent;
2. OXYGEN THERAPY – Begin oxygen 10 liters/minute with non-rebreathing mask and/or bag-valve mask ventilation assistance, as indicated;
3. If indicated, continue flushing contaminated skin with water.