

General Policy and Procedure

General Hazardous Materials Scene Assessment

In general, standard Washtenaw/Livingston County Protocols should be used in treating a patient exposed to hazardous materials. The following procedure should be followed when responding to a hazardous materials incident.

Contact Medical Control as soon as possible. If possible contact should be made as soon as arriving on a scene. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Name and form of the chemical(s) involved
- Amount of chemical(s)
- Routes of exposure
- Number of victims
- General symptoms of patient, if any

Any updated information should be relayed to Medical Control as soon as possible.

Procedure:

Pre-radio Contact

(MFR/BLS/LALS/ALS)

1. If a HazMat/Biohazard incident is suspected:
 - A. Follow the direction of the appropriate incident commander and assure safety precautions are in place.
 - B. Check with Incident Commander to determine need for protective gear.
 - C. If chemical/biohazard decontamination is needed, defer to incident commander.
2. Initially follow General Pre-hospital Care Protocol 3-00.
3. For patients that are unconscious or exhibit signs of an altered LOC follow Protocol 5-02.
4. In the case of potential spinal injury follow Protocol 2-09.
5. In the case of eye contamination follow the HazMat Eye Irrigation Protocol (HazMat Team).
6. Report patterns of similar illnesses/injuries to senior attending physician or charge nurse at destination.

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