

Reducing Illicit Drug Exposure: Safety Measures for First Responders

WHEN YOU SUSPECT ILLICIT DRUGS ARE PRESENT:

DO

wear your personal
protective equipment.



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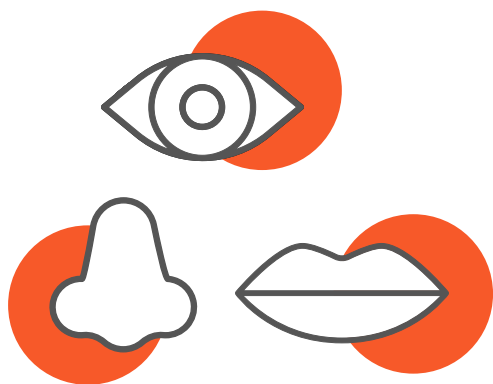
DO

wash your hands
with soap and water.



DO NOT

touch your eyes,
nose, and mouth.



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DO NOT

use hand sanitizer, eat, drink,
smoke, or use the bathroom.



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EXPOSURE CAN HAPPEN, PROTECT YOURSELF.

DO NOT:



Do not touch or disturb white powder or liquid.



Do not eat, drink, smoke, or use the bathroom while working in the area.



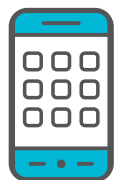
Do not use hand sanitizer. It does not remove illicit drugs and may increase exposure.

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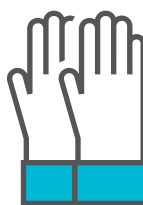
Wear proper PPE to prevent exposure.



Have emergency services on standby.



Call HAZMAT or DEA if large amounts of suspected illicit drug products are visible.



Allow only properly trained personnel in the appropriate PPE to perform field testing.

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SELECTING YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Take protective measures when illicit drugs are present.

■ MINIMAL EXPOSURE:

No amount of suspected illicit drug products are visible.



Nitrile
Gloves



■ MODERATE EXPOSURE:

Small amounts of suspected illicit drug products are visible.



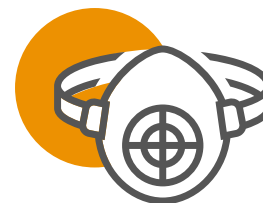
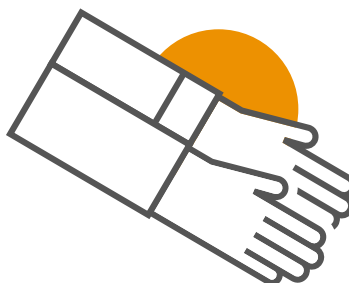
Nitrile
Gloves



Safety
Goggles/Glasses



Wrist/Arm
Protection



Disposable
N, P, or R-100 filtering
facepiece respirator
or reusable elastomeric
N, P, or R-100 respirator

■ HIGH EXPOSURE:

Large amounts of suspected illicit drug products are visible.



Entry not recommended:
Refer scene to special
operations response workers,
such as local HAZMAT team.



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DON'T TAKE IT HOME.

After leaving a scene where illicit drugs were present:



1 If wearing respiratory protection, remove respirator.



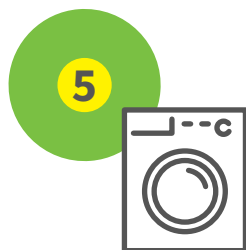
2 Remove gloves.



3 Use soap and water to wash and rinse skin. Do not use hand sanitizer.



4 Remove contaminated clothes and shower immediately.



5 Launder all contaminated clothing.

NEVER take contaminated clothes home.



6 Decontaminate or dispose of personal protective equipment per your department policy.