#### Personnel exposure to chloroformates











First evacuate personnel from the area using escape PPE and fit suitable PPE (suit/independent air supply) before follow up. Call emergency services/authorities, seek immediate medical attention and secure the area from further incident



### INHALED CHLOROFORMATES?

- If a physician chooses to administer any treatment, details of this should go with the casualty to any hospital. Immediate administration of corticosteroids has been known to suppress lung inflammation
- Monitor casualty for a minimum of 24 hours from exposure



### HAS THE CASUALTY GOT CHLOROFORMATES IN THEIR EYES?

- Immediately flush the eyes with running water at nearest eye-wash station for 15 minutes
- Hold eyelids open and remove contact lenses if needed
- Consult an ophthalmologist



## HAS THE CASUALTY SWALLOWED CHLOROFORMATES?

- Do not induce vomiting
- Immediately rinse mouth but do not swallow this rinsing water. Casualty may then drink a small amount of fresh water
- Consult with local poison control centre



## HAS THE CASUALTY GOT CHLOROFORMATES ON THEIR SKIN?

- Remove contaminated clothing under the shower leaving eye/ respiratory protection on as long as possible
- Do not apply burn ointments without instruction from a physician
- Consider fluids/ analgesics/ sterile covers as needed and upon direction from a physician



# HAS THE CASUALTY BECOME UNCONSCIOUS?

- Carefully remove contaminated clothing with respiratory protection on for both the casualty and rescuer(s)
- If on skin/ eyes, irrigate with water for at least 15 minutes
- Start artificial ventilation if needed and trained to do so.
   Direct mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be avoided
- Administer oxygen as soon as possible
- Keep casualty warm

All actions are situation dependent, see document CFSG002 for more information

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