

Hazardous Materials, SOG 210

CONTAMINATED PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

1. Scope. This standard establishes guidelines to be followed when a hazardous material contaminates uniforms, protective clothing, or items of personal protective equipment.
2. Procedure.
 - A. Personnel who enter the warm zone or the hot zone at a hazardous materials incident run the risk of becoming contaminated by the materials involved.
 - B. Members must pass through the decontamination sector prior to being allowed to enter the cold zone.
 - (1) At the entrance to the decon sector, the member should discard any hand tools and equipment at the edge of the corridor so that they can be decontaminated.
 - (2) After the member has been rinsed off and decontaminated as much as possible, he shall proceed to the final area where a decontamination worker will assist him in removing his protective clothing.
 - (3) All articles of contaminated protective clothing shall be placed in a bag, then sealed and tagged. The tag should list the contaminant, the contents of the bag, the member's name, and the time and date.
 - (4) If a member's personal clothing or work uniform has been contaminated, the member should proceed to a showering station. After showering, he should dry off his body and change into clean clothes. Ensure that the member is afforded all due privacy.
 - (5) Contaminated uniforms and articles of personal clothing should be bagged, then sealed and tagged. Towels and other items used to dry off should also be placed in a bag for decontamination or disposal.
 - C. The decon officer shall make a determination if contaminated items are salvageable. Items that cannot be properly decontaminated shall be disposed of in accordance with state and federal regulations.

- D. Items that may be decontaminated shall be returned to the member after being properly decontaminated.