

POST Chemical Intervention Care:

Items that may be used for decontamination includes:

- Non-oil based soap (e.g., Johnsons Baby Shampoo, Cetaphil Body Soap/Gel, etc.);
- Clean towels;
- Latex or non-latex gloves;
- Sealed bag or container

Steps for decontamination are:

1. The youth will be moved to fresh air, preferably where there is air movement.
2. The youth will be closely monitored and advised that he/she will be cared for, to breathe normally, and that discomfort will subside in a few minutes.
3. The youth's face will be washed with large amounts of cool water to the face, eyes, nose, mouth and any other exposed areas.
4. The staff will assist the youth in removing his/her contact lenses. Hard lenses will be cleaned. Soft lenses must be discarded.
5. The staff will ask the youth if he/she is on any medication or has any cardiac or respiratory diseases or conditions. If the youth indicates that he/she is on medication or has any cardiac or respiratory diseases, the health care staff on duty or on call will be immediately notified.
6. The staff will assist the youth in washing his/her face with a non-oil based soap. The youth will be instructed to not rub his/her eyes.
7. The staff will pat (not rub) the youth's face with a water-soaked, fresh towel.
8. Other affected items (e.g., vehicle, clothing, furniture, etc.) will be exposed to fresh air for at least 30 minutes prior to being used again.