PRINCIPLES:

1. The need for decontamination should not delay the provision of time critical medication and treatment (i.e., Mark 1 antidote).

2. Patients shall not be transported to the receiving facility if hazardous chemical contamination is present.

3. Do not delay treatment or transport of patients contaminated with radiation, who also have a life-threatening injury or medical condition. Contamination mitigation efforts and decontamination should be done, only if they do not delay treatment or transport.

4. If incident involves chemical contamination and treatment is required, provider shall contact the base hospital or Medical Alert Center. Treatment should be based on the appropriate treatment protocol.

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**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTAMINATION**

- Use Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Contact Hazmat Resources
- Secure Area
- Establish Incident Site According To Provider Agency Protocol
- Implement Rapid Extraction
- Consider Gross Decontamination

**Radioactive Contamination**

- Yes: Triage Patient as Immediate
  - ADMINISTER Life Saving Treatment and/or Medications
  - Remove Clothing
  - Collect Belongings & Preserve Evidence
  - Decontaminate Patient
  - Triage patient according to Ref. No. 519.2

- No: Consider Gross Decontamination
  - Life Saving Treatment and/or Medications in Conjunction with Decontamination
  - Remove Clothing
  - Collect Belongings & Preserve Evidence
  - Decontaminate Patient
  - Decontaminate Patient
  - Triage patient according to Ref. No. 519.2

**Chemical Contamination**

- Yes: Triage Patient as Immediate
  - CONSIDER Life Saving Treatment and/or Medications in Conjunction with Decontamination
  - Remove Clothing
  - Collect Belongings & Preserve Evidence
  - Decontaminate Patient
  - Decontaminate Patient
  - Triage patient according to Ref. No. 519.2

- No: Decontamination Triage, determine the priority for decontamination
  - Remove Clothing
  - Collect Belongings & Preserve Evidence
  - Decontaminate Patient
  - Triage Patient according to Ref. No. 519.2

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**Transport to the Appropriate Treatment Area**