

SUBJECT: **MCI FIELD DECONTAMINATION GUIDELINES**

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

