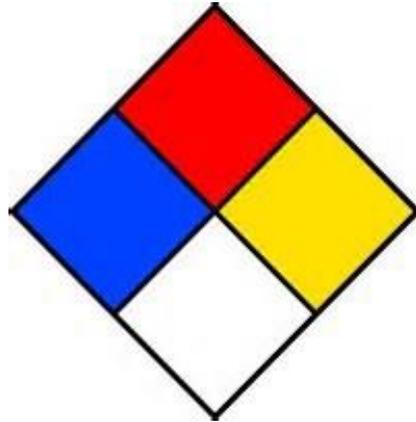


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Introduction to HazMat

Analyze
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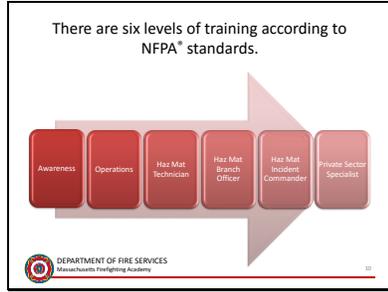
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Course Objectives

- To provide information to for emergency responders to take an ALL hazards approach to responses
- Provide information to emergency responders for their personal protection during a hazardous materials response
- Provide information to develop street smart hazardous materials incident problem solving skills
- Assist those preparing for the HazMat Operational Certification Exam

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- Awareness Level**
- Recognize presence or potential of hazardous materials
 - Recognize type of container and identify material if possible
 - Transmit info to proper authority and call for assistance
 - Protect themselves and others from hazards
 - Establish scene control
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REVIEW QUESTION 

What are the four types of ionizing radiation?

Describe each briefly.

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Asphyxiation Hazards

- Substances that affect the oxygenation of the body and generally lead to suffocation
- **Simple asphyxiants:** gases that displace the oxygen necessary for breathing (i.e. carbon dioxide)
- **Chemical asphyxiants:** substances that prohibit the body from using oxygen (i.e. carbon monoxide)

Carbon dioxide delivery truck 

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Chemical Hazards

Exposure to hazardous chemicals may produce a wide range of adverse health effects

The likelihood of an adverse health effect occurring and the severity of the effect depend on the following:

- Toxicity of the chemical
- Pathway or route of exposure
- Nature and extent of exposure
- Factors that affect the susceptibility of the exposed person such as age and the presence of certain chronic diseases

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REVIEW QUESTION

The likelihood and severity of an adverse health effect resulting from a chemical exposure are dependent upon which factors?



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REVIEW QUESTION

What is the difference between an acid and a base?



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Health Hazards Vary

- Irritants
- Convulsants
- Carcinogens
- Sensitizers/Allergens
- Etiological/Biological
- Mechanical



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REVIEW QUESTION 

- Describe the different types of etiological hazards.
- What four hazards can be caused by an explosion?

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Routes of Exposure

		
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3 main routes hazardous materials may enter the body
(Injection and Absorption are also routes of entry)

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) & The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

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REVIEW QUESTION 

What are the three main routes of entry as defined by the CDC?

Why is it important to know these?

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Hazardous Materials Identification

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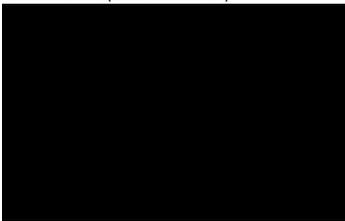


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Identification...(Don't be fooled!)



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Learning Objective 1

Identify the seven clues to the presence of hazardous materials.

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DISCUSSION QUESTION

How can you tell if a freight container contains hazardous materials?



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Low- pressure intermodal containers are the most common.



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Intermodal containers can be pressurized or specialized.



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Intermediate bulk containers can be flexible or rigid.



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Ton containers require special equipment to patch.



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REVIEW QUESTION



What are the criteria for bulk packaging?

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REVIEW QUESTION

What are the nine UN hazard classes?



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UN / DOT - 9 Hazard Classes

UN HAZARD CLASSES & WARNING DIAMONDS



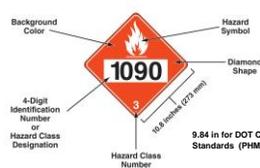
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U.S. DOT placards are unique for each hazard class.

DOT Placard Parts



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DOT Table 1

Materials That Require Placarding at Any Amount	
HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION	PLACARD TYPE
1.1	Explosives 1.1
1.2	Explosives 1.2
1.3	Explosives 1.3
2.3	Poison gas
4.3	Dangerous when wet
6.1 (assigned to packing group I, inhalation hazard only)	Poison
7 (radioactive label III only)	Radioactive

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DOT Table 2

Materials That Require Placarding at 1,001 Pounds	
CLASS OR DIVISION	PLACARD TYPE
1.4	Explosives 1.4
1.5	Explosives 1.5
1.6	Explosives 1.6
2.1	Flammable gas
2.2	Nonflammable gas
3	Infectious
COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID	
4.1	Flammable solid
4.2	Spontaneously combustible
5.1	Oxidizer
5.2	Organic peroxide
6.1 (Packing Group I or II, other than PG Inhalation hazard)	Poison
6.1 (PG III)	Keep away from food
6.2	None
8	Corrosive
9	Class 9
ORM-D	None

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DISCUSSION QUESTION



What are ORM-Ds and MOTs?

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REVIEW QUESTION



On DOT placards, what does the color orange indicate?

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Canadian and Mexican placards, labels, and markings are based on *UN recommendations*.

Most Canadian transport placards do not have signal words on them. Labels and markings may be in both English and French.



Mexican Placards



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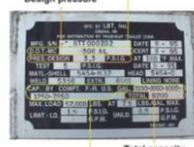
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Other North American highway vehicle identification markings will include various information.

D.O.T. specification

Design pressure



Total capacity

Number of compartments & capacity

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Found at the "6 O'Clock" position...

- "OX"
 - Oxidizers
- "W with a Line through it"
 - Use NO WATER!
- "SA"
 - Simple Asphyxiates

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U.S. Hazard Communications Labels and Markings

Requires employers to:

- Identify hazards in workplace and train employees how to recognize these hazards
- Ensure that all containers are labeled, tagged, or marked with identity of substances contained along with appropriate hazard warnings



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Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) uses two types of labels.

WHMIS Label

PRODUCT IDENTIFIER
IDENTIFICATEUR DU PRODUIT

HAZARD PHRASES
Mentions de dangers

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES
PRECAUTIONS & PREVENIR

FIRST AID MEASURES
PREMIERS SOINS

SEE MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET
VOIR FICHE SIGNALÉTIQUE

SUPPLIER IDENTIFIER
IDENTIFICATEUR DU FOURNISSEUR

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Pipeline markers are required where pipelines cross under or over roads, railroads, and waterways.



The image shows two yellow warning signs mounted on a chain-link fence. The top sign reads "WARNING PETROLEUM PIPELINE" and the bottom sign reads "WARNING HYDROGEN PIPELINE". Both signs include the text "8 INCH DIAMETER" and "100 LB PSI".

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Pesticide labels are regulated by the EPA.



The image shows a pesticide label for "Tenn-Cop 5E". The label includes the text "EMULSIFIABLE LIQUID", "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN", "WARNING - AVISO", and "EPA registration and establishment". A yellow arrow points from the text "EPA registration and establishment" to the label.

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EPA registration and establishment

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Learning Objective 6

Explain the written resources available to indicate the presence of hazardous materials.

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Color Codes – ANSI Z535.1

The diagram shows five colored boxes representing safety sign categories: a red box for 'Danger or Stop', an orange box for 'Warning', a yellow box for 'Caution', a green box for 'Safety Equipment', and a blue box for 'Safety Information Signage'. The boxes are arranged in a grid: red and orange at the top, yellow and green in the middle, and blue at the bottom center.

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Shipping papers accompany hazardous materials shipments.

49 CFR SHIPPING PAPER REQUIREMENTS

The flowchart details the requirements for shipping papers, starting with '49 CFR SHIPPING PAPER REQUIREMENTS'. It branches into 'SHIPPING PAPER' and 'EMERGENCY INFORMATION'. 'SHIPPING PAPER' includes 'HAZARDOUS MATERIALS', 'HAZARDOUS WASTE', and 'HAZARDOUS SOLID'. 'EMERGENCY INFORMATION' includes 'HAZARDOUS MATERIALS', 'HAZARDOUS WASTE', and 'HAZARDOUS SOLID'. The flowchart also lists 'HAZARDOUS MATERIALS', 'HAZARDOUS WASTE', and 'HAZARDOUS SOLID' as separate categories.

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Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are often the best source of detailed information available.

The image shows a binder labeled 'Safety Data Sheets' with 'SDS' on the cover. Next to it is a sample SDS page for 'SAFETY SHEET' with various fields for identification, hazard information, and handling instructions.

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REVIEW QUESTION



What are the required sections of SDSs?

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The 16 Required Sections...

1. Identification	9. Physical and chemical properties
2. Hazard(s) identification	10. Stability and reactivity
3. Composition/information on ingredients	11. Toxicological information
4. First-aid measures	12. Ecological information
5. Fire-fighting measures	13. Disposal considerations
6. Accidental release measures	14. Transport information
7. Handling and Storage	15. Regulatory information
8. Exposure controls/personal protection	16. Other information

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The *Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)* helps quickly identify specific/generic hazards.



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DISCUSSION QUESTION

What is the safest of the five senses to use in the detection of a hazardous material?



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"Let me see..."



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WARNING!

Deliberately using the human senses to detect the presence of hazardous materials is both unreliable and dangerous.

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**Monitoring and
Detection Devices**

- > Can be useful in determining the presence of hazardous materials and concentrations
- > Can be used to determine scope of incident
- > Effective use requires actual contact; outside scope for Awareness-Level personnel

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**4 Gas Meter
"On the Piece..."**

Types of Sensors (The "Basics")

- > O₂
- > LEL (What is it Calibrated too?)
 - Conversion Factors
 - REMEMBER...It is 10% of the Calibration Gas LEL (Safety Factor Built in)
- > H₂S
- > CO

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Other Types of Meters

- > Single Gas (Product Specific)
EMS / First Responder Calls / Overhaul
 - CO
 - HCN
 - Ammonia
 - Chlorine

** If you have a Specific Hazard to Monitor **



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Other Types of Meters

PID (Photo Ionization Detection)

Reads in eV Volts (Lightbulb)

- > 9.4 / 10.6 (Most Common) / 11.7
- > Used for VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds)



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Learning Objectives 9-11

Analyze scenarios to detect the presence of hazardous materials.

Interpret representative shipping papers.

Interpret a safety data sheet (SDS).

These objectives are measured in Learning Activities 2-1 through 2-3.

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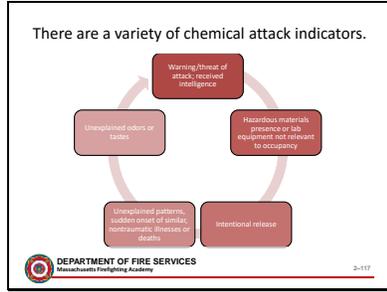
Learning Objective 12

Explain how to identify terrorist attacks and illicit laboratories.

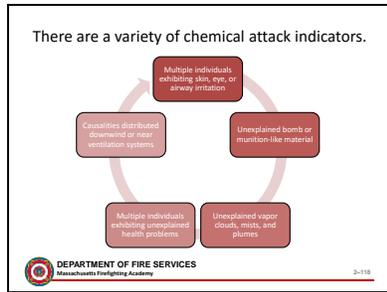
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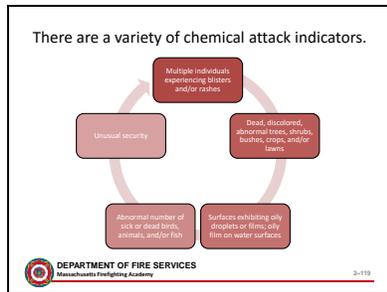
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DISCUSSION QUESTION



What types of materials are often utilized in biological attacks?



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Biological attack indicators may take several days to develop.



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DISCUSSION QUESTION



What types of materials are used in radiological attacks?



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REVIEW QUESTION

What are some exterior clues to the presence of an illicit lab?



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Secondary attacks and booby traps are always a possibility.



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Protecting Against Possible Secondary Devices

- Anticipate the presence of a secondary device at any suspicious incident
- Visually search for a secondary device before moving into the incident area
- Limit number of emergency response personnel to those performing critical tasks
- If a known concern, change up your approach

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Summary

- First responders must be able to recognize when an incident may be the result of a terrorist attack, and to recognize the signs of illicit laboratories.

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Awareness Level Actions At
Hazardous Materials Incidents

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Objectives

Responsibilities of Awareness-Level personnel
(as opposed to *initial-level responders* for which they may be trained to mitigate without calling for additional assistance)

- Describe predetermined procedures, also known as SOPs
- Describe emergency response plans
- Describe notification requirements for Awareness-Level-Responders

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Objectives

- How to use the Emergency Response Guidebook & NIOSH Pocket Guide
- Describe basic procedures to isolate an incident
- Steps that should be taken in case an incident involves terrorists or criminal activity

(All of the actions discussed are applicable to *Operations-Level Responders* also)

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Awareness Level Responsibilities

- Recognize the presence or potential presence of a hazardous material
- Recognize the type of container at a site and identify the material in it if possible
- Transmit information to an appropriate authority and call for appropriate assistance



UN1900
FLAMMABLE LIQUID
UN 2000
CORROSIVE LIQUID



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Awareness Level Responsibilities

- Identify actions to protect themselves and others from hazards
- Establish scene control by isolating the hazardous area and denying entry





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DISCUSSION QUESTION



What are the Awareness-Level personnel's responsibilities at an incident involving hazardous materials?



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**Predetermined Procedures/
Emergency Response Plans**

- Safe distance and places of refuge
- Evacuation routes and procedures
- Decontamination



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**Predetermined Procedures/
Emergency Response Plans**

- Emergency medical treatment and first aid
- Emergency alerting and response procedures
- Critiques of response and follow up
- PPE and emergency response equipment



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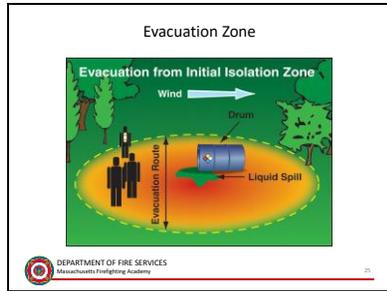
Notification Requirements

- Predetermined procedures, such as SOPs and the emergency response plan should define roles in the notification process
- Awareness-Level personnel notifications may be as simple as calling 911 to report the incident
- Fixed-facility personnel may have to notify internal response teams, such as a fire brigade or an emergency response team
- If criminal or terrorists activity is suspected, law enforcement should be notified

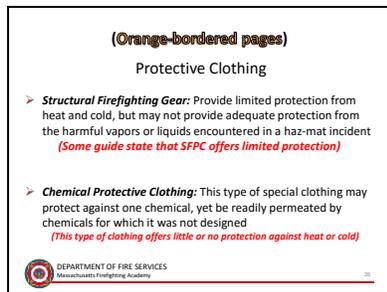


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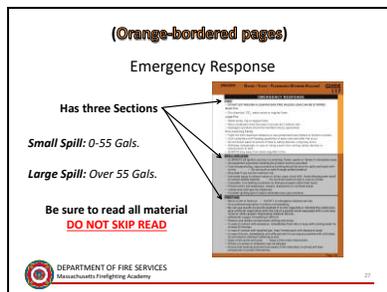
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How to Calculate Protective Action Distances

The diagram illustrates the relationship between a liquid spill, wind direction, and protective action zones. A central orange oval represents the 'Liquid Spill'. A blue arrow labeled 'Wind' points to the right. A dashed green line represents the 'Isolation Zone' around the spill. A solid green line represents the 'Protective Action Zone' extending further downwind. A horizontal line labeled 'Downwind Distance' is shown between the spill and the start of the protective action zone. The diagram is credited to 'Page 294 & 295' and includes the 'DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES Massachusetts Firefighting Academy' logo.

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Index entries highlighted in green Table 1

- Material is listed by I.D. #
- Isolation distances are provided for small spills and large spills
- Protection distances are provided for these materials
- Also distances are broken down for a spill that should occur during the day or night

Table 1 is a multi-column index table with columns for I.D. #, Name, and other hazard-related information. Several rows are highlighted in green. The table is credited to 'Page 293 to page 345' and includes the 'DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES Massachusetts Firefighting Academy' logo.

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Index entries highlighted in green Table 2

- Material listed by I.D. #
- Material which when spilled in water produce large amounts of **Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH)** gases
- Identified in Table 1 as their name is immediately followed by **(When Spilled in Water)**

Table 2 is a multi-column index table similar to Table 1, but with a focus on materials that produce Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) gases when spilled in water. Several rows are highlighted in green. The table is credited to 'page 346-page 353' and includes the 'DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES Massachusetts Firefighting Academy' logo.

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Using the ERG

Find Proper Guide # for each material



BONUS
Name the Container and Guide #



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White Pages in Rear of Guide

- > BLEVE safety Precautions (page 366 & 369)
- > Criminal /Terrorists use of C,B,R Agents (page 370 & 373) (Chemical, Biological, & Radiological)
- > Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Safe Standoff Dist. (page 374 - 375)
- > Emergency Response Centers



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Information Needed for Response Centers

- > Caller's name, callback telephone number, and FAX number
- > Location and nature of problem
- > Name and ID number of material
- > Shipper/consignee/point of origin
- > Carrier name, railcar reporting marks, or truck number



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Hazardous Materials
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Chemical Properties and Hazardous Materials Behavior

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Characteristics of Hazardous Materials

- Physical properties:
 - The measurable characteristics of a chemical
 - Physical properties of chemicals and other relevant information can be found in the Safety Data Sheets (SDS)



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Learning Objective 1

Discuss the three states of matter.

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Learning Objective 3

Describe vapor pressure.



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Vapor pressure is the pressure exerted by a saturated vapor above its own liquid in a closed container.

Expressed in:
psi, kPa,
bars, mmHg,
or atm



Vapor Pressure

Propane

Acetone

Oil



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In Other Words

- The pressure exerted by the vapor within the container against the sides of a container.
- Vapor Pressure is temperature dependent
- Vapor Pressure rises as temperature rises.



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Vapor Pressure

- VP comparison:
Acetone = 180 mmHg
Water = 25 mmHg
(Remember: wata is a quata)

Solids	Liquids	Liquids giving Off vapors	Gas
Powders, Gels, etc.	25mm/hg water	Gasoline, Ethanol, Polars	760mm/hg 14.7 psi 1 atm

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Learning Objective 4

Explain boiling point.

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Boiling Point

- Temperature at which the vapor pressure of a liquid is equal to or greater than atmospheric pressure
- Usually expressed in degrees Fahrenheit (Celsius) at sea level air pressure

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Boiling Point

- Temperature at which a liquid will continually give off vapors in sustained amounts and, if held at that temperature long enough, will eventually turn completely into a gas



212° F

Gas
Invisible
Water Vapor

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Boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion (BLEVE)
can occur when liquid in a container is heated.



Internal vapor pressure exceeds vessel's ability to relieve pressure

Container fails; vapor is released, expands rapidly area system

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REVIEW QUESTION



What is a BLEVE?

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Learning Objective 5

Define melting point, freezing point, and sublimation.



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Melting and freezing point definitions are based on normal atmospheric pressure.

Melting point • Temperature at which a solid substance changes to a liquid state

Freezing point • Temperature at which liquid becomes a solid



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Sublimation is a change from solid to gas state without going into a liquid state.



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Learning Objective 6

Describe vapor density.

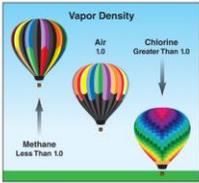


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Vapor density is the weight of gases compared to the same volume of air at similar temperature and pressure.



Vapor Density

Methane
Less Than 1.0

Air
1.0

Chlorine
Greater Than 1.0



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Vapor Density

- Weight of an airborne concentration (vapor or gas) compared to an equal volume of dry air
 - Vapor density of air at sea level is 1.0
 - Vapor density below 1.0 is lighter than air (rises)
 - Vapor density above 1.0 is heavier than air (sinks)

*•Source: NIOSH: May also be referred to as RgasD
•(Relative gas Density) Molecular weight of Air = 28.9*



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Learning Objective 7

Define solubility and miscibility.

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Solubility is useful in determining spill clean up methods and extinguishing agents.

Percentage of a material that will dissolve in water at ambient temperature

Affects if substances mixes with water

Important contributor in symptom development

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Water Miscibility

- Ability of a chemical to mix with water
- Not all chemicals mix well with water
 - Some substances react violently with water
 - Concentrated sulfuric acid
 - Metallic sodium
 - Magnesium

Diesel is immiscible in water
Photo Source: Wikipedia

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Specific gravity is directly influenced by solubility.

Specific Gravity

Water 1.0

Methylene Chloride Greater Than 1.0 (1.33)

Gasoline Less Than 1.0 (0.72-0.78)

Water 1.0

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Specific Gravity

- The ratio of a substance's density to that of *water*
- Specific gravity of water is 1.0
 - Specific gravity below 1.0 is lighter than water (floats)
 - Specific gravity above 1.0 is heavier than water (sinks)
- *Most flammable liquids have a specific gravity of less than 1.0*

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Learning Objective 9

Define persistence.

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Persistence is a chemical's ability to remain in an environment.



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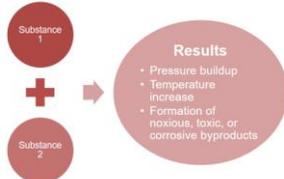
Define reactivity and describe the reactivity triangle.

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Reactivity is the relative ability to undergo a chemical reaction with another material.



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The reactivity triangle explains the basic components of many chemical reactions.



The diagram is a triangle with three colored sides: a yellow left side labeled 'Oxidizing Agent', a red right side labeled 'Reactive Base', and a blue bottom side labeled 'Reducing Agent (Fuel)'. The text 'Oxidizing Agent' is written vertically along the yellow side, 'Reactive Base' is written vertically along the red side, and 'Reducing Agent (Fuel)' is written horizontally along the blue base.

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Reactivity can be effected by polymerization and inhibitors.

Polymerization

- Simple molecules combine to form long chain molecules
- May be marked with a *P* in the *ERG*

Inhibitors

- Materials added to products that easily polymerize to control or prevent undesired reaction
- May be time sensitive

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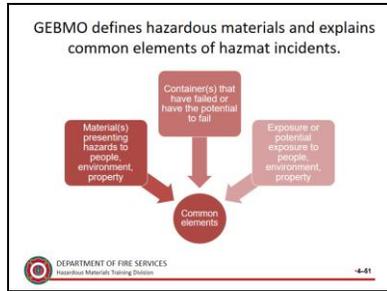
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Describe the General Hazardous Materials Behavior Model (GEBMO).

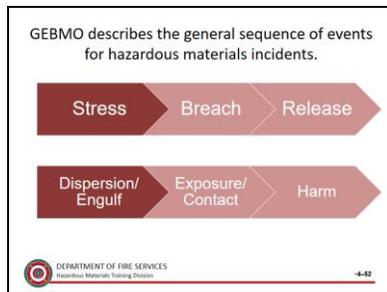
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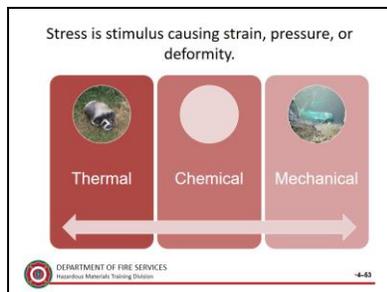
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What are the classifications of releases?

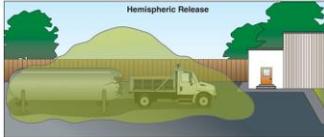


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A hemispheric dispersion pattern generally results from a rapid release.

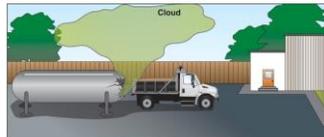


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A cloud dispersion pattern occurs when the material has collectively risen above the ground or water.

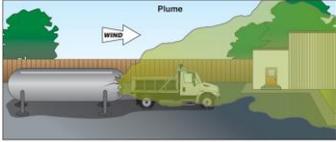


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The plume dispersion pattern is affected by vapor density, terrain, and wind speed/direction.



The diagram shows a white tanker truck and a green utility truck parked in front of a building. A plume of vapor is shown rising from the green truck and being carried to the right by the wind, as indicated by a 'WIND' arrow. The plume is labeled 'Plume'.

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The cone dispersion pattern has a wide base downrange of the breach.



The diagram shows a white tanker truck and a green utility truck parked in front of a building. A wide, conical plume of vapor is shown spreading out from the green truck. The plume is labeled 'Cone'.

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The stream dispersion pattern is affected by gravity and topographical contours.

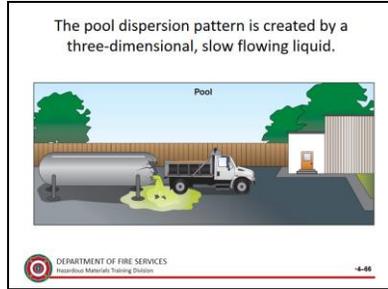


The diagram shows a white tanker truck and a green utility truck parked in front of a building. A narrow stream of vapor is shown flowing down a slope from the green truck. The stream is labeled 'Stream'.

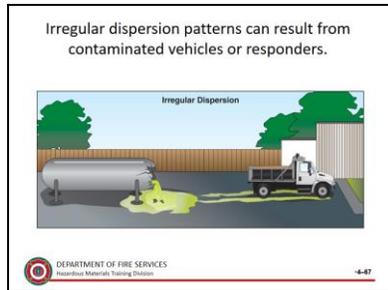
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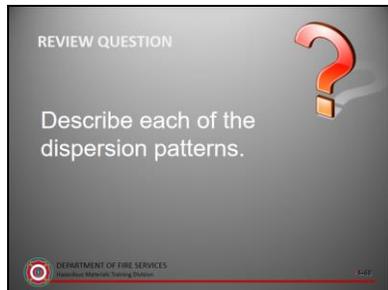
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REVIEW QUESTION

What types of exposures should be considered in hazard and risk assessment?



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Contamination

- Residue of a chemical that has been released, and contacts people, the environment, animals, tools, etc.



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Secondary Contamination

- Occurs when a person or object transfer the contamination or the source of contamination to another person or object by direct contact



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Types of Harm (TRACEM-P)

- Thermal
- Radiological
- Asphyxiation
- Chemical
- Etiological
- Mechanical
- Psychogenic

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How Harmful Substances Enter the Human Body

- Four routes of entry:
 - Inhalation
 - Absorption
 - Ingestion
 - Injection



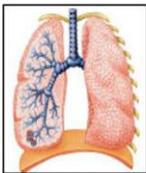
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Inhalation

- Occurs when harmful substances are brought into the body through respiratory system
- SCBA and other respiration protection devices are best protection against inhalation hazards
- Size of the particles inhaled determines where the internal contamination will result



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Chronic Health Hazard

- Adverse effect occurring after a long-term exposure to a substance
 - Or multiple short exposures over a shorter period
- May result in cancer, loss of lung function, or skin rashes

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Acute Health Effects

- Adverse health effects caused by relatively short exposure periods that produce observable conditions such as eye irritation, coughing, dizziness, skin burns
- Occurs after relatively short exposure periods, including one-time exposures

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Sensitizer

- A chemical that causes a substantial proportion of exposed people or animals to develop an allergic reaction in normal tissue after repeated exposure to the chemical



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Summary

- Hazardous materials incidents occur when highly toxic materials are released and the fire department is called to mitigate the hazard
- These efforts are based on correctly identifying the product and understanding the nature of the released material

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Summary

- If you do not understand what you are up against, it is difficult to make good decisions on how to solve the problem
- You must be able to apply basic chemical concepts and terminology to a release scenario

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Mercury Vapor Experiment
Bowling Green State University

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Three Incident Priorities at Hazmat Incidents

- Life safety
- Incident stabilization
- Protection of property and the environment

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Life Safety of Responders versus the Public.

Risk to rescuers	Ability of rescuers to protect themselves	Probability of rescue	Difficulty of rescue
Capabilities and resources of on-scene forces	Possibilities of explosions or sudden materials releases	Available escape routes and safe havens	Constraints of time and distance

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REVIEW QUESTION 

What are the priorities for hazmat incidents?

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Command & Coordination Structures
NRF reflect that of NIMS

- Homeland Security
- Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Fighting
- Public Works
- Public Health
- Responder and recovery workers
- Health and safety
- Emergency Medical Services
- Private sector organizations



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NRF's mission in the case of a catastrophic terrorist attack



Save
Protect
Contain
Preserve

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NRF established teams and resources

- Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civilian Support Teams (WMD-CST)
- Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT)
- Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams (DMORT)
- National Medical Response Team Weapons of Mass Destruction (NRMT – WMD)
- Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Forces
- Incident Management Teams (IMT)

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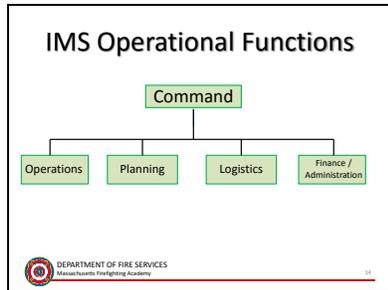
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What are the advantages of an incident management system?

What incident management system is used in the U.S.?

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REVIEW QUESTION 

What structures are included in the NRF?

What are the five major operational functions of most incident management systems?

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Incident Commander

- The officer at the top of an incident chain of command and in overall command of the incident
- Responsible for formulating an incident action plan (IAP)
- Coordinate and direct all incident resources to implement the plan and meet its goals and objectives



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Incident Commander Responsibilities

- Establishing the site safety plan
- Implement a site security and control plan to limit the number of personnel operating in the control zones
- Designate a safety officer
- Identify the material or conditions involved in the incident

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Incident Commander Responsibilities

- Implement appropriate emergency operations
- Ensure that all emergency responders wear appropriate PPE in restricted zones
- Establish a decontamination plan and operation
- Implement post-incident emergency response procedures

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Duties of a Safety Officer

- Maintain communications with the IC, and advise the IC of deviations from the incident safety considerations and of any dangerous situations
- Alter, suspend, or terminate any activity that is judged to be unsafe
- Conduct safety briefings



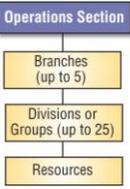
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Operations Officer

- Responsible for the direct management of all incident tactical activities
- Operations Section Chief reports directly to the IC
- Also directs the tactical operations to meet the strategic goals developed by the IC



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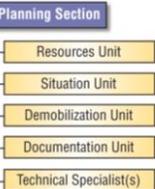
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Planning Section

- Responsible for gathering, assimilating, analyzing, and processing information needed for effective decision-making



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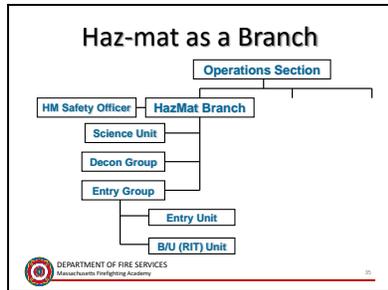
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REVIEW QUESTION 

Discuss the steps in transferring command.

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Communications
Radio Procedures

- Use **Plain Language**
- Transmit only **essential information** when sending information and orders
- Use appropriate channel to communicate with both the IC and the dispatcher
- Use appropriate number of channels for the size and complexity of the incident

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Communications
Requesting Additional Help

- Know what types of additional help are available
- Identify these items in the local emergency response plan



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Communications
Emergency Radio Traffic

- Make the urgency clear to the tele communicator
- Wait while the tele communicator gives an alert tone (if used in the system), advise all other units to standby, and advise the caller to proceed with the emergency message

URGENT, URGENT
MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY

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Internal Communications

- Alerting team members to emergencies
- Passing along safety information
- Communicating changes in the action plan
- Maintaining site control



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REVIEW QUESTION 

What are some guidelines for using communications equipment correctly?

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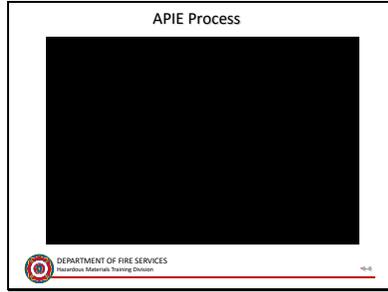
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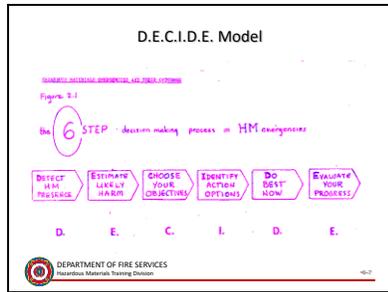
- Emergency response to hazmat incidents must be conducted with a certain management framework and structure to ensure successful mitigation of the incident.
- IMS must be implemented at all incidents.

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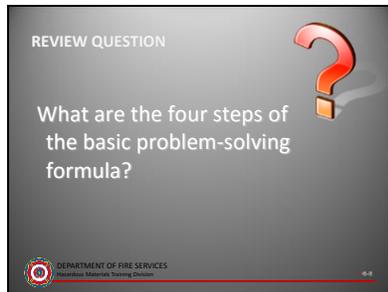
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Identification

- When researching a chemical use readily available resource information sources
 - DOT-ERG/NIOSH Pocket Guide/MSDS
 - Consult at least three different sources if possible
- On-scene research should continue throughout the incident

We Must ID the Material !!

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An Incident Level I is within the capabilities of a fire and emergency services organization.



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An Incident Level II is beyond the capabilities of a fire and emergency services organization.



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DISCUSSION QUESTION

What are the three modes of operation?



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Nonintervention operations are ones in which responders taken no direct actions.



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Defensive operations are ones in which responders seek to confine the emergency.



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Offensive operations are ones in which responders take aggressive, direct action.



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Modes of operation are determined by risk, training, and resources required and available.



Value



Time



Size

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REVIEW QUESTION



What elements affect the selection of strategic mode?

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Learning Objective 2

Discuss isolation and scene control.



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The isolation perimeter is determined by outcomes of an on-site risk assessment.



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Scene Safety

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- Scene control, site management, and personnel accountability are critical
- The course of a hazardous material incident is often determined in the first five to fifteen minutes



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Learning Objective 4

Discuss protection of responders, the public, the environment, and property.



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Protection is the overall goal of ensuring safety of responders and the public.



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Protection of responders is the first priority at any incident.



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Recovery has three major goals that work to return the incident scene to pre-incident readiness.

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Three procedures help accomplish the main goals of recovery.

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Termination includes two procedural actions to ensure strategic goals have been met.

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Summary

- By using IMS, responders can focus on the problem-solving process.
- The IC must determine the strategic goals and tactical objectives that will begin to stabilize the incident and bring it to a successful conclusion with the least amount of harm and damage.

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Intent

An act of terrorism is essentially different from normal emergencies in that it is intended to cause damage, inflict harm and kill



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Severity & Complexity

- Terrorists events may involve large numbers of casualties or materials with which first responders have little experience (i.e. radioactive material)
- Secondary contamination from handling patients may present a threat



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Crime Scene Management

- Terrorists attacks are crimes, and preservation of evidence becomes extremely important consideration during a response to a terrorist attack
- For this reason, notification of federal law enforcement is very important



Photo: FBI / Boston Police Department

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Command Structure

- Most terrorist incidents require some type of unified command structure
- Law enforcement will have jurisdiction over all incidents involving terrorism



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Secondary Devices

Terrorists may specifically target emergency responders in an attempt to incapacitate them or kill them

- Secondary events intended to incapacitate or delay emergency responders
- Armed resistance and assault
- Use of weapons
- Booby traps



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Secondary Devices



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Agro-terrorism

- Use of chemical or biologic agents to attack agricultural industry or food supply
- Introduction of disease to livestock
- Billion dollar financial loss possible



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Weapon of Mass Destruction

Can be divided into five categories

- Chemical
- Biological
- Radiological
- Nuclear
- Explosive



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Explosive devices are designed to kill, maim, or destroy



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Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)

They are homemade, usually constructed for a specific target, and can be contained within almost any object



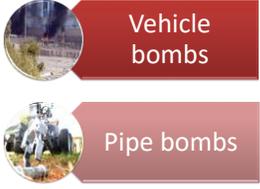
Often include nails, tacks, broken glass, bolts & other items

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IEDs Categorized by Container Type



Vehicle bombs

Pipe bombs

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IEDs Categorized by Container Type



Satchel, backpack, knapsack, duffle bag, briefcase, or box bombs

Person-borne bombs

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Identification of IEDs

be cautious of out-of-the-ordinary items.

Containers with unknown	Devices Containing quantities of	Materials attached to or surrounding items such as	Ordinance such as
liquids	foam, fireworks, match heads	nails, bolts, drill bits	blasting caps, detcord
materials	black powder, smokeless powder	marbles, etc.	military and commercial explosives, grenades, etc.
	incendiary or unusual materials		

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Person-Borne Improvised Device

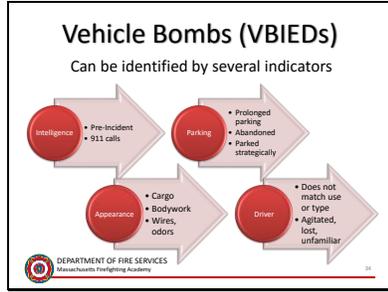
The FBI has designated indicators of a possible Suicide Bomber

- Alone and Nervous
- Loose and/or bulky clothing
- Exposed wires (poss. through sleeve)
- Rigid mid-section (explosive device or weapon)
- Tightened hands (may hold a detonator)

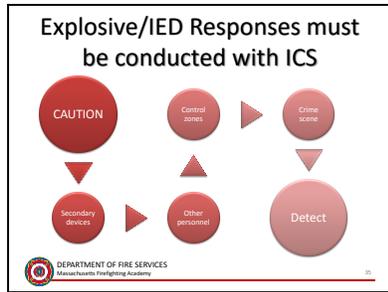


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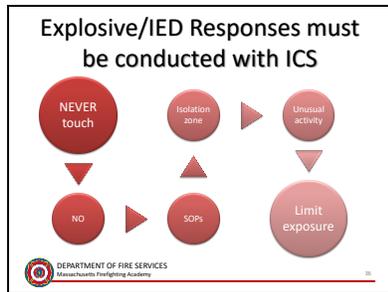
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Nuclear Device

A device incorporating radioactive materials designed to result in the dispersal of radioactive material or formation of nuclear-yield reaction
(AKA Dirty Bomb)



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Nuclear Weapon

A weapon typically owned by a country/state and is strictly controlled and highly secure



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There are several factors that impede a nuclear attack

there are exceptions

Security Difficulty Transportation



Suitcase bombs

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**Hazardous Materials
Operational Level Responder**

Personal Protective Equipment

**Analyze
Plan
Implement
Evaluate**



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Learning Objective 1

Discuss respiratory protection.

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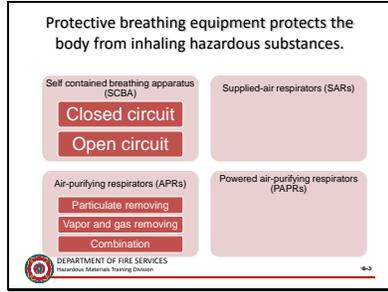
Respiratory protection is a primary concern for first responders.



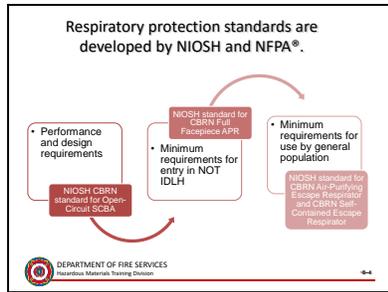
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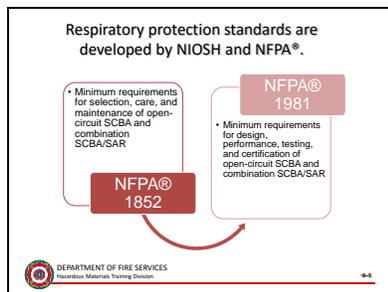
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Respiratory protection standards are developed by NIOSH and NFPA®.

- Establishes major requirements for respiratory protection
OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.134
- Establish, Provide, Specify
NIOSH Regulation 42 CFR Part 84

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A Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) can be one of the most important pieces of PPE.



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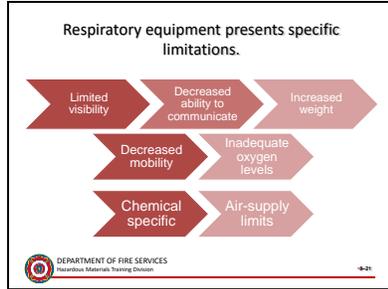
Only positive-pressure open-circuit or closed-circuit SCBAs are allowed in haz mat incidents.



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REVIEW QUESTION

What are the advantages and disadvantages of SCBA?

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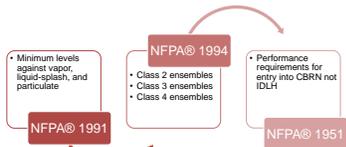
Garment Construction

- Single-piece
- Multi-piece
- Material used in construction
 - Butyl rubber, Tyvek®, Saranex, PVC, Viton

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Standards for protective clothing and equipment are developed by several agencies.



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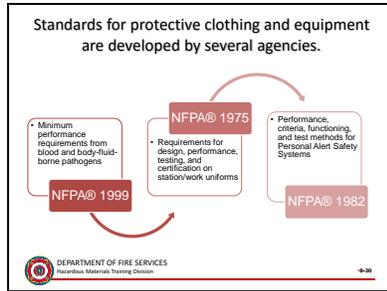
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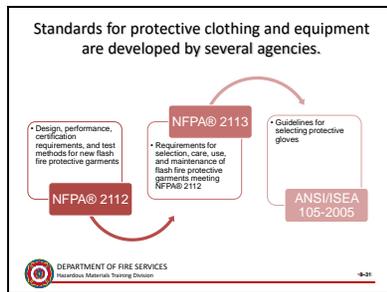


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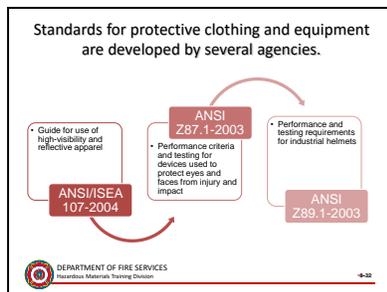
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Chemical protective clothing (CPC) works to shield from hazards that may be at hazmat operations.

Materials

- Each material protects but has limitations

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- Designed to protect if fitted properly and worn correctly
- Impermeable to moisture
- Decontaminated before storage/disposal

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Liquid-splash protective clothing does not protect against chemicals gases or vapors.

Encapsulating Nonencapsulating

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Vapor-protective clothing is designed to offer a greater level of protection but with limitations.

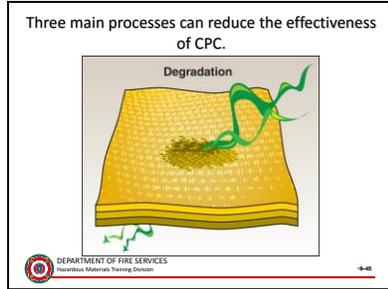
Not all hazards
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Impairs
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Heat stress

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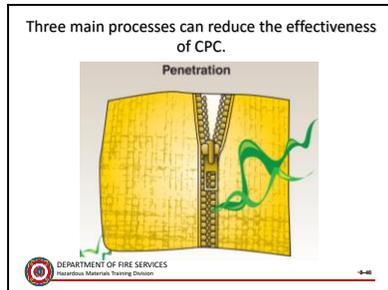
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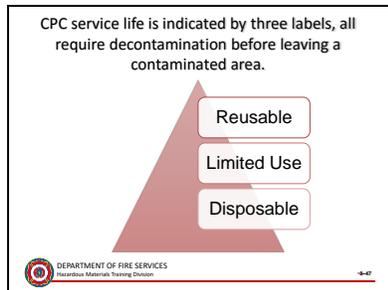
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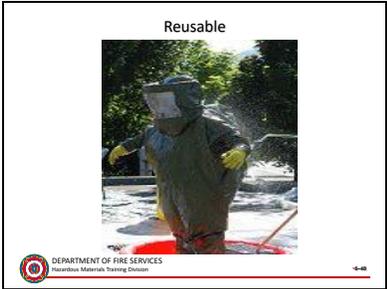
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Body armor is designed to protect against ballistic threats.



Should be replaced if impacted or damaged

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Bomb disposal suits can impair dexterity and range of motion.



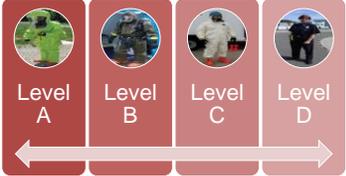
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There are four U.S. EPA levels of protection.



Level A Level B Level C Level D

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REVIEW QUESTION

Describe the U.S. EPA levels of protection.



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Level A provides the greatest level of protection against vapors, gases, mists, and particles.



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Level A protection is used in specific situations.

Identified, high level of hazard	High potential
Known or suspected skin toxicity or carcinogenicity	Confined or poorly ventilated areas

Unknown or unidentified

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Level C protection is used in specific situations.

Air contaminants identified, measured, APR to remove	Criteria for APR use are met
Affect on skin or absorption	
Atmospheric concentration does not exceed IDLH levels	Atmospheric oxygen levels

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Level D protection is worn when no atmospheric hazards exist, includes structural firefighter clothing.

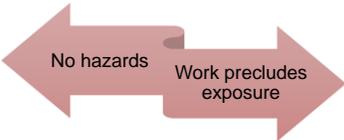


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Level D protection is used in specific situations.



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REVIEW QUESTION

What types of protective clothing may be used by responders at haz mat/WMD incidents? Describe each.



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PPE selection is based on a variety of factors, often including local SOPs.



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Selection of protective clothing is also based on design.

Clothing design

- Variety of styles
- Design considerations

Material chemical resistance

- Resist permeation, degradation, and penetration
- Details

Physical properties

- Strength, resistance to physical hazards, operation
- Questions to ask

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Response personnel ensembles will vary depending on the mission of the responder.

- Must provide
- Should include
- NO partial protection
- When not in hot zone

EMS

- Protects against
- Consists of
- Higher MOPP, greater protection
- Joint service lightweight integrated suite technology (JSLIST)

Mission-Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP)

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Don't Forget...

- Read the Ensemble paperwork for the PPE you use
- Compatibility Charts for what's good and what's NOT good to use it with

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Skin Contact Hazards

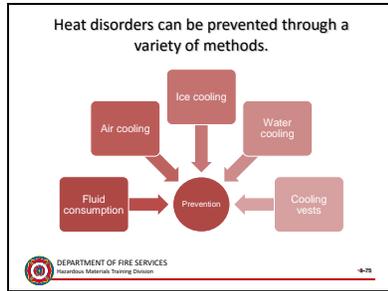
- Toxicity, flammability, and reactivity
- Inadequately protected body
- Assume the worst and leave the largest possible safety margin



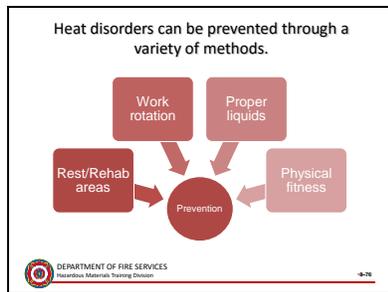
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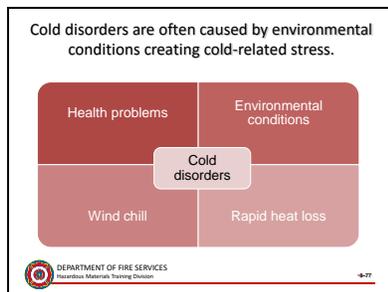
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Summary

- Personal protective equipment is needed to protect emergency responders from the hazards present at haz mat and WMD incidents.
- No type of PPE can protect against all hazards.
- All protective clothing used at haz mat/WMD incidents should meet recognized standards such as NIOSH or NFPA®.

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Before Initiating Decontamination
(Answer these questions)

- Immediately or can it wait?** Do victims need immediate decon?
- SAFE?** Is it safe to conduct decon?
- Alternative?** Are alternative decon methods available?
- Adequate resources?** Are adequate resources available? If not, Can additional resources be obtained in a timely manner?

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Before Initiating Decontamination
(Answer these questions)

- Time limit?** Can decon be concluded before victims further deteriorate?
- Reusable or disposable?** Can equipment being decontaminated be reused? / Is it better to replace equipment?
- Save money or add value?** \$\$\$\$\$\$?

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REVIEW QUESTION 

What is decontamination?

What questions should be answered before initiating decontamination?

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Technical Decon Procedures

- Chemical degradation**
 - Another material to change chemical structure
- Dilution**
 - Water to flush contaminants
 - Accessibility, speed, economy
- Evaporation**
 - Some evaporate quickly and completely
 - Not generally used

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Technical Decon Procedures

- Isolation & Disposal**
 - Isolates contaminated items by collecting them
 - Disposal of equipment
- Neutralization**
 - Process of changing the pH
- Sanitation
Disinfection
Sterilization**
 - Process that render etiological contaminants harmless

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Technical Decon Procedures

- Solidification**
 - Treats liquid chemically so that it becomes solid
- Vacuuming**
 - HEPA filters to vacuum solids
 - Not a regular vacuum
- Washing**
 - Uses prepared solutions
 - Accessibility, speed, economy

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REVIEW QUESTION 

What techniques might be used for technical decontamination?

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Technical Decon Stations



Number of stations in the technical decon corridor will vary depending on the needs of the situation

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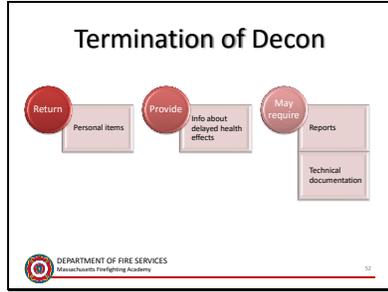
Rapid Access Mass Decon (RAM Decon)



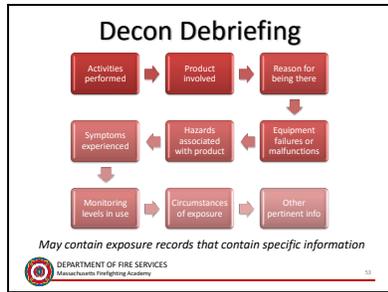
Initiated when the number of victims and time does not allow other in-depth decon

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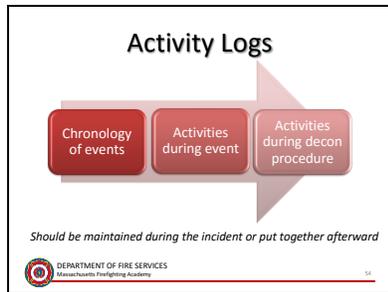
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Summary

- Contamination is a concern at hazardous materials incidents.
- Exposure can occur and cause harm.
- Decontamination is conducted to prevent the spread of contaminants.

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DISCUSSION QUESTION

What is the difference between absorption and adsorption?



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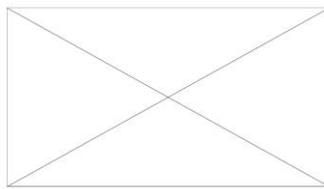
The spill control tactic of absorption results in one material being retained within the other.



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Adsorption results in molecules adhering to the adsorbent rather than being adsorbed.



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Safety Consideration

- Absorption/adsorption materials:
 - Soaked with gasoline, still produce flammable vapors and will readily ignite
 - Soaked with toxins, still produce toxic vapors

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Blanketing or covering the surface of a spill prevents dispersion of materials.



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Dam, dike, diversion, and retention all are actions taken to control the flow of materials.



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On Scene.. Defensive Operations



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Vapor suppression reduces the emission of vapors at a hazmat incident.



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Fire-fighting foams are effective on spills if the foam concentrate is compatible with the material.

Proportioned and aerated

System must match up (Discharge Tools)

Categories

- Class A (Deep Seated – Brush, Dumpster, Residential)
- Class B (Flammable / Combustible Liquids)
- Polar Solvents
- Non-Polar Solvents
- Hydrocarbon Based

Must match the fuel applied to

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AFFF is the most commonly used foam concentrate today. AR-AFFF is making its appearance known due to Ethanol Transportation issues.

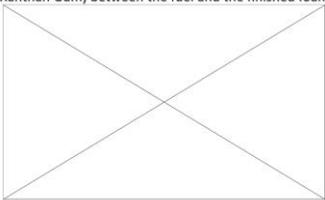


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Alcohol-resistant AFFF (AR-AFFF) creates a membrane (Xanthan Gum) between the fuel and the finished foam.

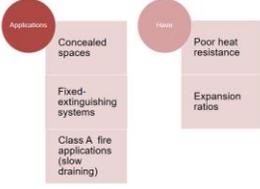


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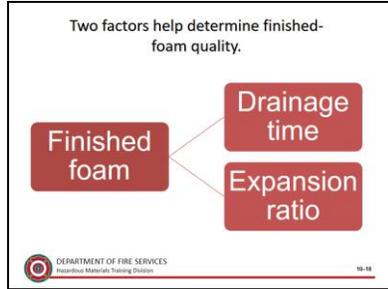
High-expansion foam is similar to Class A foams and useful when runoff is undesirable.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

With which types of Class B foam should firefighters be familiar?

Describe the characteristics of each type of Class B foam.

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Foam '101'

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Vapor dispersion directs the course of airborne hazardous materials as a spill control tactic.



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What do we do here???



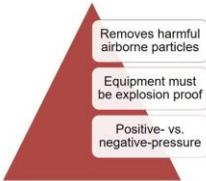
INDUSTRIAL BUILDING FIRE ON SOUTHEAST SIDE
EAST TERRACE AVENUE

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Ventilation controls the movement of air by natural or mechanical means.

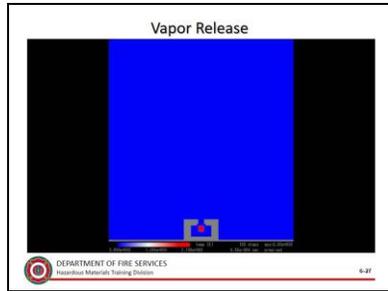


- Removes harmful airborne particles
- Equipment must be explosion proof
- Positive- vs. negative-pressure

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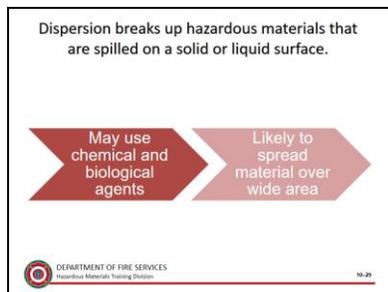
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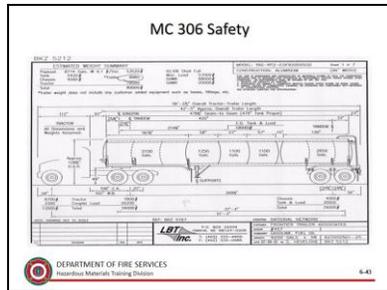
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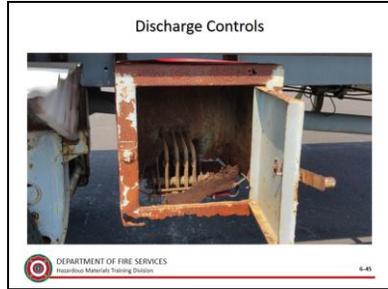
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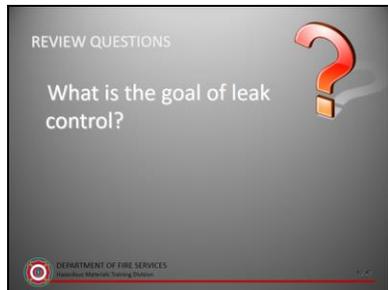
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Learning Objective 3

Explain fire control.

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Fire control works to minimize damage, harm, and effects of fire at hazmat incidents.

- Whether
- How

Decisions

- Necessary in case of BLEVE

Withdrawals

- Deployed for maximum effect

Water Withdrawals

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Improper use of fire control can increase size and intensity of flammable liquid fires.



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Water streams should be deployed to cool the entire surface of the tank.



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Water streams used to contain gas under pressure must exceed the mass and velocity of escaping gas.



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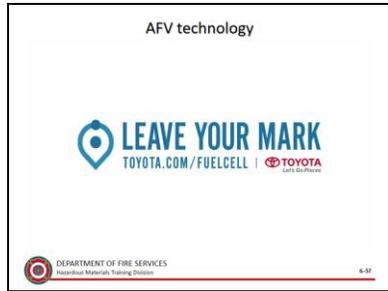
What should be used for alternative fuels?



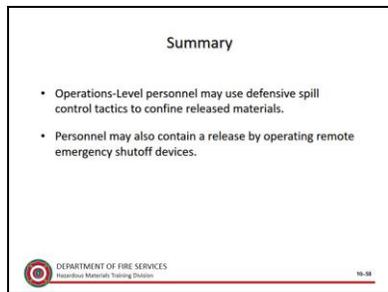
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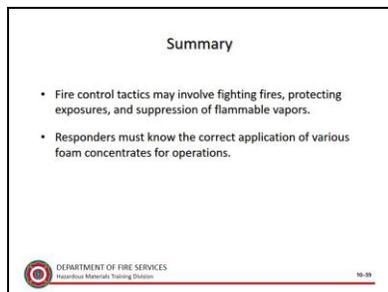
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**Hazardous Materials
Operational Level Responder**

Air Monitoring and Sampling

Analyze
Plan
Implement
Evaluate



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Air Monitoring & Sampling

Allows first responders to:

- Detect
- Identify
- Measure



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Assists in Several Aspects

- Identification (What materials are involved in the incident and the concentrations present)
- Determining appropriate PPE, tools, and equipment needed
- Determining perimeters and the scope of the incident
- Checking the effectiveness of *defensive* operations



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Assists in Several Aspects

- Ensuring that decon operations are effective
- Detecting leaks from containers or piping systems
- Monitoring decon runoff for contamination levels



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Understanding Capabilities

- Know the capabilities of the meters that your dept. uses
- Know what is being measured (Parts Per Million , Percentage in air)
- Reaction time of the device
(may take the device several seconds to draw in the sample and analyze it)

No instrument is any better than the knowledge, skill, and ability of the individual using it

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Understand Measuring

Must have an understanding of the behavior of the hazardous material coupled with an understanding of the detection device



Because vapor densities vary and air currents can move hazardous gases and vapors in unexpected ways, samples must be taken at different heights

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Maintenance and Calibration

- Use calibration gas recommended by the manufacturer, and calibrate them frequently
- Store devices in accordance with manufacturers recommendations and be mindful of the expiration dates and shelf-life of some sensors, test strips, and colorimetric tubes
- Test instrument routinely to ensure proper operation



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Zeroing Instruments

- Responders will need to zero many instruments in the field to adjust these units to the existing environment at those locations
- Care must be taken to avoid zeroing the instrument in locations with potential contaminants

Example:
Zeroing a multi gas meter near running vehicles where carbon monoxide levels may be high

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REVIEW QUESTION



What factors must be considered when selecting detection and monitoring devices?

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Corrosives

Concentration – Acids and bases are usually created by dissolving a chemical (usually a gas or liquid) in water

Example: A 85% solution of formic acid is composed of 85% formic acid and 15% of water



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pH Paper

- Designed to change color when it comes in contact with a corrosive material
- There is no standard color system



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Limitations of pH Paper

- Need for close proximity and/or contact with the hazardous material in order to conduct testing
- Inability to detect the concentration of the material
- Difficulty reading the paper if the material sampled is contaminated with oil, mud, or other opaque materials
- Difficulty reading the paper if the material sampled chemically strips the paper or alters it in unexpected way
(Such as with highly concentrated acids and bases, certain oxidizers, and hydrocarbons)

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Oxygen

Oxygen meters detect the percentage of oxygen in the air

- Below 19.5% - Atmosphere is considered oxygen deficient
- Above 23.5% - Atmosphere is considered oxygen enriched

Oxygen is required for many other detection devices to function correctly

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Percentage of Oxygen

- Normal air contains 20.9% Oxygen, 78.1% Nitrogen, and 1% other gases
- Any reading **below 20.9%** indicates that some other contaminant is in the air displacing the oxygen, potentially at toxic or extremely hazardous levels

0.1% drop in oxygen = 5,000ppm of something else in the air

Even if oxygen levels are not low enough to trigger an alarm, responders should be aware that reduced levels of oxygen potentially represent a significant hazard in the form of toxic contaminants

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Limitations of Oxygen Meters

- Corrosive gases can cause rapid sensor failure
- Strong oxidizers such as chlorine, bromine, and fluorine can cause abnormally high readings (False Positive)
- Sensors deteriorate steadily over time and need frequent replacement
- Change in temperature (and temperature extremes), humidity, and atmospheric pressure can effect the monitor

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Readings Influenced By

- Catalyst poisoning
- Concentrations exceeding 100% of the LEL
- Concentration exceeding the UEL
- Chlorinated hydrocarbons
- Oxygen – acetylene mixtures

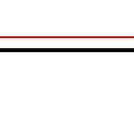


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Limitations of CGI Meters

- Sensitive to battery life; as the battery power decreases, the meter may lose responsiveness
- Corrosive gases may damage the sensors
- Meter response may be sluggish in extremely cold weather
- Cell phones, magnetic fields, high voltage lines, radios, and static electricity may interfere with readings
- Sensitivity to oxygen levels; too little or too much oxygen will interfere with accurate readings



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Toxics

Many different technologies are used to detect toxic materials

- Chemical specific electromechanical cells
- Test strips and paper
- Photoionization detectors (PIDs)



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Chemical Specific Sensors

Designed to detect a single chemical:
Carbon Monoxide
Hydrogen Sulfide
Ammonia
Chlorine
Just to name a few

These sensors in these devices are prone to degrade over time and may be affected by temperature and humidity



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Photoionization Detector (PID)

- Used an **ultraviolet lamp** to **ionize** samples of gaseous materials
- Used to detect low to very low concentrations of many organic and some inorganic gases and vapors
- Capable of detecting and measuring concentrations in **real-time**



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Photoionization Detector (PID)

Should be used in the following situations

- At the edge of a release, where concentrations may be too low to be detected by a CGI
- When atmospheric contamination is suspected involving either flammable and/or non-flammable atmospheres
- Investigating complaints about odors or strange smells

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Photoionization Detector (PID)

Should be used in the following situations

- Locating low-volume chemical release
- Evaluating the extent of contamination from a release and assessing risk to the public and environment



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Limitations of PID's

- Cannot be used to identify unidentified/unclassified substances
- Most PID's use several different lamps to measure the ionization potential (IP) of a material
- Need to have some suspicion of what material you are looking for to ensure you have the proper lamp installed
- The NIOSH Pocket Guide provides the ionization potential numbers for many materials



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Limitations of PID's

- Must be calibrated to isobutylene
- Do not respond to any product with IP's greater than the ultraviolet lamp that is being used
- Should not be used in rain or high humidity environments
- Do not draw liquid into the device
- Tiny particulates of dust may effect readings

Typical Lamp Strengths: 9.5eV, 10.0eV, 10.2eV, 10.6eV, 11.7eV. Lamp strength must be higher than IP for the material to be detected.



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REVIEW QUESTION 

In what situations would a PID be used?

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Colorimetric Indicator Tubes

- Sealed glass tubes filled with a reagent that will change color when exposed to a specific chemical family
- Chemical specific, but react to and rely on chemical cross reactivity

Reagents:
Substances that are known to react to other chemicals in a specific way
Used for the purpose of detection typically undergo a known color change when coming in contact with a specific substance



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Colorimetric Indicator Tubes
Easy to use

- Select the proper tube to match material being tested for
- Break each end of the tube, then insert into pump device to draw air into the tube
- The number of pump strokes needed will vary depending upon the type of tube and material
- If the material is present in the air, the tube will change color

Follow manufactures instructions on how to use these devices

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Colorimetric Indicator Tubes
Limitations

- They are cross sensitive (they may react to other chemicals in the same chemical family)
- They have limited shelf life
- They have a significant error rate (25%-35%), and some will give false positives for products other than their labeled use
- To get accurate readings, the number of pump strokes must be exact and complete to ensure full air movement through the tube

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Colorimetric Indicator Tubes
Limitations

- Temperature may effect the tubes
- Humidity and atmospheric pressure may effect the tubes, and require the use of a correction table
- Exposure to light, even for a few hours, can cause the tubes to degrade and become non functioning



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Colorimetric Indicator Tubes
Limitations

- Reagents may react with other vapors and gases present, causing unanticipated and unusual color changes
- Responders with impaired color vision may not be able to accurately read colorimetric tubes
- May be difficult to read the color change in certain kinds of lighting



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Gas-filled Detectors

Measure ions after radiation ionizes the gas inside

- Reading can be affected by humidity and temperature
- Calibrated so the response is directly related to the intensity of the radiation



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Scintillation Detectors

Produce a small flash of light when radiation interacts with a crystal

- Most useful for detecting small amount of radiation
- Use a photomultiplier tube attached to the crystal
- Scintillation crystals that are sealed in a metal body are better suited for measuring penetrating gamma radiation



Susceptible to breakage if not handled properly

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Dosimetry Devices

Useful for keeping track of the wearer's total accumulation radiation dose

- Self reading dosimeters (SRD) are the most commonly used
- Measure radiation dose in roentgens (R), milliroentgens (mR), sieverts (Sv), or gray (Gy)
- Should be read prior to entering hot zone, every 15-30 minutes in hot zone, and upon exiting the hot zone



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Summary

- First responders conducting monitoring and detection at hazmat/WMD incidents must be thoroughly trained in the operation, limitations, and maintenance of the devices they use.
- Responders must wear appropriate PPE for the mission and follow safety procedures.

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REVIEW QUESTION

What questions should be asked to determine the feasibility of conducting rescue operations?



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REVIEW QUESTION

What are the unit leaders' responsibilities when planning rescue?



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Answer...

- Risk Based Scenario
 - Rescue vs Recovery
- Compatible Protective gear at the FR level
 - Refer to ERG / NIOSH Guides
- SDS / Shipping Papers / Product Knowledge
- Tier Response option from Regional Hazmat Team

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The entry team must consist of at least two trained members in the appropriate PPE.



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The back-up team is on standby to perform only one task- the removal of a down member. Safety is Priority!!

- Tech Level
- FR level



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Buddy System and Backup Personnel

- Ensure safety of emergency crews
- Decontamination team in place before anyone enters the hot zone
- No one should enter the hot zone alone
- Always remain within sight, sound, or touch of each other

**Only for those trained above the Operations Level; i.e., Haz-Mat Teams*

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REVIEW QUESTION 

What is the purpose of a decontamination station?

What guidelines should be followed when entering the hot zone?

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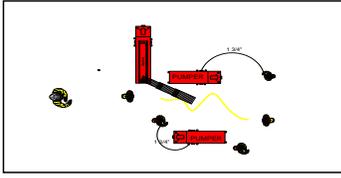
The decon station(RAM decon/Emergency decon) must be established prior to any entry/exit into/from the HOT zone.



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RAM Decon 2 & 1 Set-up
(Rapid Access Mass Decon)



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Ambulatory victims not in the line of sight may require entering the hazard area.

Closer to release Experienced greatest exposure

Directed to safe haven Increased risk level

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Non-ambulatory victims not in the line of sight are the last to be rescued from the hot zone.

Closest to event

Greatest exposure

Removal danger

Increased planning

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REVIEW QUESTION

What are the priorities when conducting a rescue?

What are the categories when conducting triage?

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Rescue tools and equipment may be used to perform recovery operations.



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Rescue tools and equipment may be used to perform recovery operations.



Extrication equipment

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Technology

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Learning Objective 3

Describe various rescue methods.

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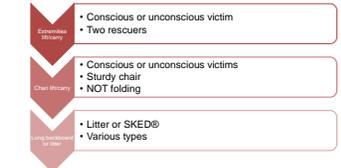


What is a supine position?

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Rescue methods vary depending on victim, there are specific dangers when moving injured victims.



- Conscious or unconscious victim
- Two rescuers
- Conscious or unconscious victims
- Sturdy chair
- NOT folding
- Litter or SKED®
- Various types

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REVIEW QUESTIONS



What types of tools and equipment may be required for rescue and recovery?

Describe various rescue methods.

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Summary

- First responders must also be able to recognize incident response conditions based upon the status of the victim in a hazardous materials recovery.

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**Hazardous Materials
Operational Level Responder**

Evidence Preservation and Sampling

**Analyze
Plan
Implement
Evaluate**



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Learning Objective 1

Discuss various hazards at crimes involving hazardous materials or weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

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Operations-Level responders are required to perform several tasks.



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Situational Awareness

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Evidence preservation and Air Monitoring is a top priority after life preservation, hazard mitigation, and environment.



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Illicit laboratories present specific issues for responders to consider.



Security measures
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Hazardous agents
↓
Must secure first

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Illicit Laboratories

- Drug labs are most commonly found:
 - Typically primitive
- Signs of lab presence:
 - Everyday items modified to produce illegal drugs
 - Large quantities of cold tablets, acid, paint thinner, drain cleaner, and other such products
 - Should be considered as significant hazardous materials scenes



What Do You See ?

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REVIEW QUESTION

What are some specific hazards found at illicit laboratories, WMD incidents, environmental crimes, and incidents involving suspicious letters and packages?



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Learning Objective 2

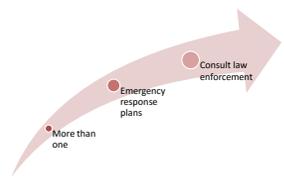
Discuss the first responder's role in investigation.

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Responders must be able to identify the investigative authority at a hazardous materials/WMD incident.



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REVIEW QUESTION

What agencies may be involved in investigating hazardous materials or WMD incidents?



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Interagency Cooperation...

- MA State Police(EOD, Crime Scene Serv)
- Local PD
- Local FD
- Regional Hazmat Response
- Military CST Response
- FBI (AHJ with Terrorism Incidents)
- EPA / DEP
- USCG (Waterway issues)



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Learning Objective 3

Describe the different response phases at criminal hazardous materials/WMD incidents.



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REVIEW QUESTION

What agencies may be involved in investigating hazardous materials or WMD incidents?



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Responders should understand and observe the procedures for proper care of evidence.



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Learning Objective 4

Explain the FBI's twelve-step process for collecting evidence.



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REVIEW QUESTION

What are the twelve steps of the FBI's process for collecting evidence?



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The FBI's evidence collection process gives responders a general context for actions at a crime scene.



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graph TD; A[Make preparations] --> B[Approach]; B --> C[Secure and protect]; C --> D[Perform preliminary survey]; D --> E[Release]; E --> F[Prepare narrative description]; F --> G[Evaluate evidence possibilities]; G --> H[Approach]; H --> I[Make preparations];
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The FBI's evidence collection process gives responders a general context for actions at a crime scene.



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graph TD; A[Photograph] --> B[Prepare diagrams and sketches]; B --> C[Conduct detailed search]; C --> D[Collect evidence]; D --> E[Release]; E --> F[Perform final survey]; F --> G[Photograph]; G --> H[Prepare diagrams and sketches]; H --> I[Conduct detailed search]; I --> J[Collect evidence]; J --> K[Release]; K --> L[Perform final survey];
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Making preparations involves many steps, one is to determine which laws have been potentially violated.



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When approaching the scene, safety of personnel is a primary concern.



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When securing and protecting the scene, responders should establish an access control point.



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There are several steps to take when collecting evidence at a crime scene.

Document condition	Avoid excessive handling
Avoid cross-contamination	
Diminish degradation or loss	Transport and submit for secure storage

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Chain of custody is a written history that includes who maintains control over an item.



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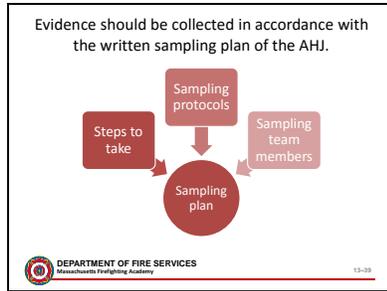
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Site characterization is used to monitor for potential problems, some are unique to hazmat scenes.

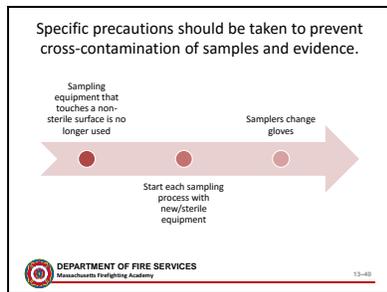


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Wipe samples, used when contaminants are visible, need several pieces of equipment are for collection.



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Liquid sample kits can come with specific instructions for testing various suspected contaminants.



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Solid samples of evidence are collected in a way similar to wipe samples.



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Summary

- Operations-Level responders with appropriate training may be asked to assist with evidence preservation.
- There are four response phases: tactical, operational, crime, and remediation.

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Summary

- Responders should follow local SOPs for investigations.
- Evidence must be carefully documented and protected from contamination.

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Some chemicals and products are common to most meth labs



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Types of Equipment

- Condenser Tubes
- Filters
- Funnels/Turkey Basters
- Gas Container
- Grinders
- pH Papers
- Tubing



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Neck of a propane tank exposed to anhydrous ammonia

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Some equipment is also commonly found in meth labs



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

What percentage of illegal clandestine labs are set up to produce meth?

What types of chemicals and products are typically found in meth labs?

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There are several indicators that can be clues to the presence of a meth lab

Windows covered	Renters who pay in cash	Unusual security
Excessive trash	Increased activity	Unusual structures
Discoloration	Strong odors, smell of ammonia, etc	Iodine- or chemical-stained fixtures

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Hazardous Waste Generated

For every pound (0.5 kg) of meth produced there are six pounds (3 kg) of hazardous waste generated



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Chemical Agent Labs

- Produce chemical warfare agents
- Recipes may be easy to find, materials necessary may not
- Some ingredients are common, others are restricted



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School Chemistry Lab

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Indicators of a Chemical Lab

- Military manuals
- Underground "cookbooks"
- Organophosphate pesticides (not normally used to make meth)
- Methyl iodide & phosphorus trichloride (attempts to make sarin)
- Sophisticated lab equipment (to produce reactions)
- Presence of cyanides or acids



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Explosive Labs

Explosive labs are the second most common type of lab discovered, after drug labs

Types of explosive labs

- Custom Fireworks
- Explosive chemical mixtures
- Peroxide base explosives



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Biological labs will include several items different from other labs

-  Growth media
-  Glove boxes
-  Incubators

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There are several other indicators of a biological lab

- Antibiotics/vaccines
- Sterilization supplies
- Alteration to ventilation
- PPE
- Lab equipment
- Instruction manuals for bio agents
- Lab or test animals
- Bio safety cabinets
- Sprayers, nebulizers, etc.
- Bacterial or viral cultures
- Sources of toxins

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WARNING!

While biological labs may work with biological agents in liquids, slurries, or powders, responders should take special care around powders because they may be more dangerous than other forms.

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REVIEW QUESTION 

What are some indicators of biological laboratories?

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There are several considerations when conducting operations at an illicit lab



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Operations at illicit labs present several coordination challenges



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Law enforcement is responsible for neutralizing tactical threats and several other duties

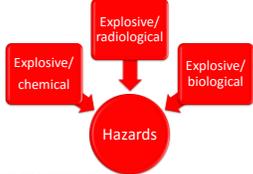


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Hazmat and bomb squad teams will be required to work together to resolve combination hazards



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Assessing atmospheric hazards is a primary task performed as part of the site risk assessment process



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PPE selection is based on an assessment of three factors.

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Decon procedures are based on risk assessment and address the four potential sources needing it

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Responders must be familiar with local, state, and federal policies concerning remediation of labs

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Summary

- Responders should be familiar with each type of illicit lab.
- When a suspected lab is discovered, responders must withdraw and notify law enforcement.



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Summary

- Responders should follow all appropriate safety procedures when operating in illicit labs.
- When in the hot zone, responders should not disturb the scene in any way.



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