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EMS TREATMENT OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATED PATIENTS

Life-threatening emergencies always have priority over concerns involving radioactive contamination.

1. Park upwind and outside controlled area set-up by police or fire dept. personnel.
If no controlled area is designated, park at least 100 ft. upwind of accident scene.
2. Don protective clothing.
Wear gloves, booties, and coveralls.
3. Provide emergency life-saving care to victim.
4. When medically feasible, remove victim from immediate area of suspected contamination. Remain within the controlled area.
5. Notify hospital as soon as possible to allow time to prepare receiving area.
6. Remove victim's clothing, if possible, and wrap victim in a clean sheet or similar covering.
7. Prior to leaving scene, remove outer protective clothing and change gloves.
Clothing and non-essential equipment should remain within the controlled area.
8. Do not decontaminate personnel or equipment unless state health personnel are present.
9. Transport victim to hospital.
Change gloves after handling victim while en route.
10. Transfer victim to clean hospital gurney.
Ambulance personnel, sheets, blankets, and equipment should remain with the ambulance. The equipment and personnel are in a controlled area.
11. Ambulance personnel, equipment, and vehicle should not return to service until checked for radioactive contamination by state health or qualified hospital personnel.

NOTE: NO EATING, DRINKING, OR SMOKING IN CONTROLLED AREAS.

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