DECISION TREE FOR INHALATION EXPOSURES

Statements in these brackets {...} are optional

**NON-IRRITANT AND NON-TOXIC?**
- Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.

**FLAMMABLE?**
- Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

**RESPIRATORY SENSITIZER?**
- Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/....
- *If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should administer emergency oxygen if advised to do so by the POISON CENTER/doctor/....*
  - *...Refer to supplemental first aid instruction, if immediate administration of antidote or specific measures required.*
- *If appropriate, add “Symptoms of pulmonary edema can be delayed up to 48 hours after exposure.”*
- If direct contact during rescue breathing poses a threat to the first aid provider, recommend “Avoid mouth-to-mouth contact by using a barrier device.”

**CAUSES PULMONARY EDEMA OR INTERFERES WITH OXYGENATION?**
- Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/....
- *Specific treatment (is urgent)....* If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should administer emergency oxygen if advised to do so by the POISON CENTER/doctor/....
  - *...Refer to supplemental first aid instruction, if immediate administration of antidote or specific measures required.*
- *If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should begin rescue breathing or, if the heart has stopped, immediately start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or automated external defibrillation (AED).*

**THREAT TO RESCUE IF INHALED (e.g. “knock-down”)?**
- Take precautions to ensure your own safety before attempting rescue (e.g. wear appropriate protective equipment, use the buddy system).

**FATAL/TOXIC IF INHALED?**
- Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/....
- *Specific treatment (is urgent)....* If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should begin rescue breathing or, if the heart has stopped, immediately start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or automated external defibrillation (AED).

**HARMFUL IF INHALED, RESPIRATORY IRRITANT, OR CAUSES DROWSINESS/DIZZINESS?**
- (Take precautions to ensure your own safety (e.g. wear appropriate protective equipment).) If remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.) Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/....
  - *If you feel unwell.*
- Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

**ORGAN DAMAGE - SINGLE EXPOSURE IF INHALED?**
- (If exposed) (If you feel unwell)/(If concerned): Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/....
  - *Specific treatment....*
  - *...Refer to supplemental first aid instruction, if immediate measures required.*

**ORGAN DAMAGE - REPEATED EXPOSURE?**
- Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

**CARCINOGEN, TOXIC TO REPRODUCTION, MUTAGEN?**
- IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

*...specify the appropriate source of emergency medical advice.*