DECISION TREE FOR
SKIN EXPOSURES

Statements in these brackets {...} are optional

NON-IRRITANT OR MILD
IRRITANT, NON-TOXIC AND NO
FIRE OR REACTIVITY HAZARDS?

Rinse/wash with lukewarm, gently
flowing water (and mild soap) for 5
minutes or until product is removed. If
skin irritation occurs or you feel unwell:
Get medical advice/attention.

IRRITANT?

Take off contaminated clothing, shoes and leather
goods (e.g. watchbands, belts). (Gently blot or brush
away excess product.) * Wash with plenty of lukewarm,
gently flowing water/ ** *** (Specific treatment...
*** If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

* insoluble in, or hazardous reaction with, water
** ...consider specifying a flushing duration of 15-20.
Specify a cleansing agent (e.g. mild soap) if
appropriate, or recommend an alternative agent in
exceptional cases if water is clearly inappropriate.
*** ...Refer to supplemental first aid instruction.
Specify a cleansing agent, if appropriate.

FROSTBITE/CRYOGENIC?

Remove source of exposure.
For brief contact with a small amount: Rewarm with
body heat. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
For extensive contact or a large amount: Immediately
call a POISON CENTER/doctor/...* and follow their
advice. Specific treatment is urgent...*

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

SKIN SENSITIZER?

Take off contaminated clothing, shoes and leather
goods (e.g. watchbands, belts). (Gently blot or brush
away excess product.) * Wash with plenty of lukewarm,
gently flowing water/... ** If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
Specific treatment... *** Wash contaminated clothing before re-use (or discard).

* insoluble in, or hazardous reaction with, water
** ...consider specifying a flushing duration of 15-20 minutes.
*** ...Refer to supplemental first aid instruction. Specify cleansing agent, if appropriate (e.g. mild soap), or recommend alternative agent in exceptional cases if water is clearly inappropriate.

FLAMMABLE LIQUID
OR OXIDIZER?

Take off immediately contaminated clothing.
Rinse skin with water/shower (and mild soap)
for 5 minutes or until product is removed.
Store contaminated clothing under water and
wash before re-use (or discard).

PYROPHORIC OR
EMITS FLAMMABLE
GAS?

Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
(Brush off loose particles from skin.) Immerse in
cool water/wrap in wet bandages. Store clothing
under water and wash clothing before re-use
(or discard).

CORROSIVE?

Take off immediately all contaminated clothing,
shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands, belts).
(Gently blot or brush away excess product.) *
Rinse skin with lukewarm, gently flowing
water/shower/... ** Immediately call a POISON
CENTER/doctor/... * Specific treatment ...***
Washed contaminated clothing before re-use (or
discard).

* insoluble in, or hazardous reaction with, water
** ...consider specifying a flushing duration of 30
minutes (for most corrosives), or 60 minutes (for
strong alkalis), or that rinsing continue until
medical aid is available.
*** ...Refer to supplemental first aid instruction.
Specify a cleansing agent, if appropriate.

Avoid direct contact. Wear
chemical protective clothing,
if necessary.

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RESCUER VIA
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THREAT TO
RESCUER VIA
IRRITANT, NON-TOXIC AND NO
FIRE OR REACTIVITY HAZARDS?

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