

Comparison of Recommendations from DEA, ACMT/AACT, and IAB on Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination

	DEA	ACMT/AACT	IAB	NIOSH
Primary Terminology Used in Paper	Fentanyl-Related Substances	Fentanyl and Analogues	Synthetic Opioids	Fentanyl and Analogues
Release Date	6/6/2017	7/12/2017	8/11/2017	8/24/2017
Endorsements		NAEMSO, NAEMSP		
References	None	Extensive	None	None
Number of Risk/Exposure Level Categories	N/A	N/A	5	3
Number of Response/Job Functions	N/A	N/A	6	4
EMS and LE Patrol-Related PPE Recommendations (Based on IAB Levels)				
Minimal (no visible product)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dermal Protection 	N/R	N/R	Nitrile gloves, Uniform	Nitrile gloves
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye/Face/Respiratory Protection 		N/R	None	None
<i>Moderate Risk / Small Volume Hazard</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dermal Protection 	Nitrile gloves	Nitrile gloves	Nitrile gloves, Uniform	Nitrile gloves Wrist/arm protection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye/Face/Respiratory Protection 	Eye protection N-95 “dust mask”	Face/eye protection N-95 or P-100	Safety glasses P-100 respirator	Face/eye protection N/R/P-100 respirator
<i>Moderate Risk / High Volume Hazard</i>				(considered high risk)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dermal Protection 	For any situations involving gross contamination, it is highly recommended that Level “A” PPE be utilized (including SCBA)	Water resistant coveralls (if enclosed space is heavily contaminated with a potential highly potent opioid)	Nitrile gloves Uniform Long sleeve and/or sleeve covers	EMS and LE patrol are not recommended to be in this setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye/Face/Respiratory Protection 	If an exigent situation exists where drug-related material might	In the unusual circumstance of significant airborne suspension of	Respirator with non-vented or indirect vented goggles; Half mask air-purifying	EMS and LE patrol are not recommended to be in this setting

	be disturbed and/or collected in order to protect life, personnel should employ, at a minimum, the above-referenced Personal PPE to include nitrile gloves, an N-95 dust mask, eye protection, disposable paper suit or paper coveralls.	powdered opioids, a properly fitted N95 respirator or P100 mask is likely to provide reasonable respiratory protection. OSHA-approved protection for eyes and face should be used during tasks where there exists possibility of splash to the face.	respirator (APR) with P100 filters and non-vented or indirect vented goggles; or full-facepiece APR with P100 filters	
Personal Decontamination Considerations				
<i>General Recommendations</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Soap and/or Water 	Recommended soap and water	Recommend water	Recommended water first, then soap and water)	Recommended soap and water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoidance of Alcohol Based Hand Cleaners 	Recommend avoiding	Recommend avoiding	Recommend avoiding	Do not use hand sanitizers or bleach solutions
<i>Specific Need for Decontamination Based on (IAB) Threat Level</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale incidents with minimal or moderate risk 	No Recommendations	No Recommendations	Decontamination operations may not be required. Considered "N/A".	No Recommendations beyond soap and water