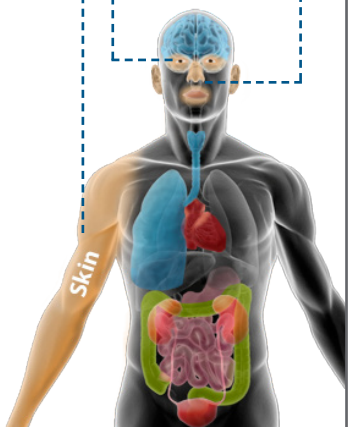
IRRITANT/CORROSIVE

Topical

Affected Areas

Mucosal membranes
Eyes
Skin



Immediate Symptoms

Minor to severe irritation, including:
- Pain
- Redness/erythema
- Blistering
- Sloughing
- Tearing/lacrimation

Ongoing Symptoms

May lead to systemic toxicity (e.g. organ failure)

Sensitive Populations

Children and pregnant women (may absorb more)

Examples

Mustard agents
Phosgene
Chlorine
Hydrofluoric acid
Riot control agents
Methylene chloride

Common Treatment Protocols

Decontamination
- Eyewash
- Emergency safety shower
- Mass decontamination procedures

Supportive care
- Oxygen
- Pain medication

This is not meant to be a complete care guideline. Please refer to the CHEMM website for more information: http://chemm.nlm.nih.gov/mmghome.htm