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In any case of exposure, start with Emergency Action and act as advised.

For the convenience of users, and to ensure rapid access to the recommendations in an emergency, this Guide is divided into sections which are grouped to facilitate a three step approach.

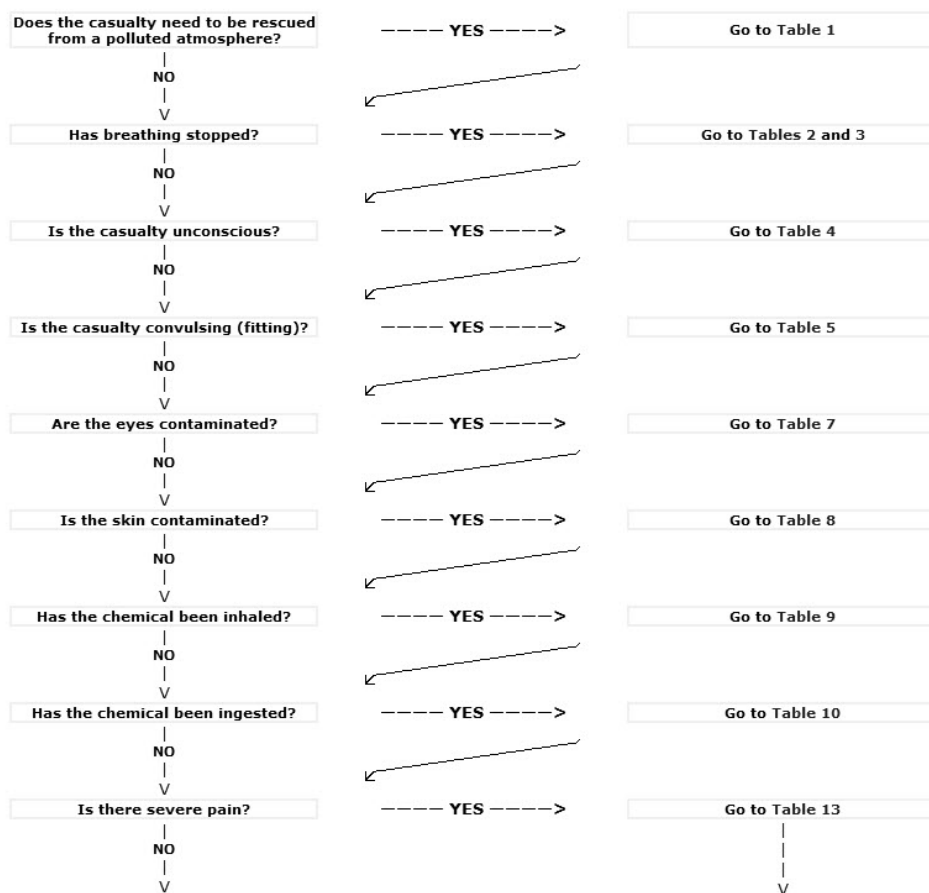
Step 1: Emergency Action and diagnosis **Start here!**

Step 2: Tables The Tables give brief instructions for special circumstances.

Step 3: Appendices The Appendices provide comprehensive information, a list of medicines/drugs, and a list of chemicals referred to in the tables.

NOTE: The **list of chemicals** is limited to those few chemicals requiring special treatment. The list is given both in alphabetical and numerical order (UN No) in **Appendix 15** to this guide. Emergency action

Emergency action



Proceed to diagnosis

Diagnosis

Is the chemical known?
(e.g. by UN No.,
product label,
shipping documents)

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--- YES --->

Only a few substances need specific treatment

(see also **appendix 15**):

Calcium oxide, calcium hydroxide (**table 7**)
Phosphorus, white or yellow (**table 8**)
Coumarin derivated pesticides (**table 14**)
Hydrofluoric acid, hydrogen fluoride, fluorides (**table 16**)
Organophosphorus and carbamate insecticides (**table 17**)
Cyanides (**table 18**)
Methanol and ethylene glycol (**table 19**)
Radioactive material (**table 20**)

What is the casualty's present state?

Breathing is rapid, shallow, irregular or deep:	→ Table 3 and Appendix 3
The casualty has a cough, wheezing, hoarseness or severe breathlessness :	→ Table 9 and Appendix 9
The pulse is slow, weak or rapid:	→ Table 11 and Appendix 11
Blisters, burns or frostbite are present:	→ Table 8 and Appendix 8
The casualty is in a coma :	→ Table 4 and Appendix 4
The casualty has convulsions (seizures, fits) :	→ Table 5 and Appendix 5
The casualty is vomiting :	→ Table 10 and Appendix 10
The casualty is restless, excited, confused or hallucinating :	→ Table 6 and Appendix 6
The casualty is jaundiced (yellow discoloration of skin or eyes):	→ Table 15
Urine output is decreased or absent:	→ Table 12 and Appendix 12
Blood is in the urine, vomit, or stool; the gums are bleeding; there are small haemorrhages (petechia) in the skin:	→ Table 14

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What is the history of the present illness?

How did the illness start?
What are the symptoms?
Which symptoms are most troublesome?

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What illnesses has the casualty suffered previously?

Make a record of any past illnesses, injuries, operations and present drug treatment.