Reducing Illicit Drug Exposure: Safety Measures for First Responders

SELECTING YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Take protective measures when illicit drugs are present.

■ MINIMAL EXPOSURE:
No amount of suspected illicit drug products are visible.

Nitrile Gloves

■ MODERATE EXPOSURE:
Small amounts of suspected illicit drug products are visible.

Nitrile Gloves  
Safety Goggles/Glasses  
Wrist/Arm Protection  
Disposable N, P, or R-100 filtering facepiece respirator or reusable elastomeric N, P, or R-100 respirator

■ HIGH EXPOSURE:
Large amounts of suspected illicit drug products are visible.

Entry not recommended: Refer scene to special operations response workers, such as local HAZMAT team.

*Illicit drug products include but are not limited to opioids, cocaine, cannabinoids, methamphetamines, heroin, cathinones, etc. Learn more at: cdc.gov/niosh/topics/fentanyl/risk