

B. Fires or Explosions Involving Radioisotopes

1. When a fire or explosion involving radioisotopes occurs, the RSO/RSS will be notified immediately, and the Proper Damage Control Office will be called.
2. The RSO/RSS will monitor all damage control equipment and personnel for contamination before permitting these items/people to leave the area. The only exception to this policy is in the event that personnel are seriously injured. In this case, the medical personnel involved will be informed that the person is or might be contaminated.
3. All damage control personnel will be equipped with dosimeters and respiratory protective devices when entering such an area. This policy shall not prevent entry in order to perform a life-saving rescue.
4. The Fort Detrick Fire Department will:
 - a. Maintain familiarity with the location of all radiation areas, and notify the RSO/RSS whenever a fire involves radioisotopes.
 - b. Wear dosimetric and respiratory equipment when responding to an incident where radioactive materials are used.
5. Protective Services personnel will notify the RSO/RSS of any radiation accident during off-duty hours.
6. OHS will:
 - a. Observe the precautions and procedures prescribed by the physician in handling patients who are or may be contaminated with radioactive materials.
 - b. Wear the necessary dosimetric and protective equipment as instructed by the RSO/RSS and the physician.