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The two most effective procedures to save the life and health of contaminated persons are:

- The as soon as possible decontamination of chemically contaminated casualties reduces both morbidity and mortality.
- The removal of clothing as the first stage of the decontamination process is reducing the amount of contamination by 75 to 85 %.

The decontamination in case of a mass casualty incident needs a high number of personnel, personal protection equipment (PPE), a decontamination unit, education and permanent training and a management of command, communication and coordination; all these in shortest time of preparedness and reaction and cross border nationally and internationally.

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