

INCIDENT INVOLVING ETHIDIUM BROMIDE (Case n° 1239-45-8)

DANGER ! mutagenic

STRAIGHT AWAY

Sprayed into the eye

• Wash immediately in running water for at least 15 minutes, pulling the eyelids widely apart with the head tilted, affected eye down (get help from a colleague).

• Contact lenses will get washed out but if not, do not try to take them out.

Sprayed onto the skin

• Wash immediately in running water for at least 15 minutes without rubbing.

Wounds and pricks

Safet

Health

- Wash immediately in running water for at least 15 minutes.
- Disinfect using 70% ethanol for at least 5 minutes.

FOLLOWING DAYS

- Go to a doctor's surgery, the Emergency Department or the workplace's medical unit within 24 hours.
- Make an "Accident in the Workplace" report if a doctor has observed a lesion.
- Notify the Prevention Assistant and report the incident or accident in the Health & Safety Log.
- Report the incident or accident to the Prevention Adviser.
- Go to see the Prevention Physician and report any symptom that you notice in the days following the incident or accident.

PREVENTION

- Handle like a CMR substance in a defined, marked area.
- Wear safety goggles with side bars, suitable gloves and a buttoned up coat.
- To avoid having to weigh it out, use ready-to-use solutions.

