Reducing Illicit Drug Exposure: Safety Measures for First Responders

EXPOSURE CAN HAPPEN, PROTECT YOURSELF.

**DO NOT:**

- Do not touch or disturb white powder or liquid.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, or use the bathroom while working in the area.
- Do not use hand sanitizer. It does not remove illicit drugs and may increase exposure.

**DO:**

- Wear proper PPE to prevent exposure.
- Have emergency services on standby.
- Call HAZMAT or DEA if large amounts of suspected illicit drug products are visible.
- Allow only properly trained personnel in the appropriate PPE to perform field testing.

*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*