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1. Leave the area right away.
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7. Call the police if they are not aware of the biological emergency. They will take steps to help people avoid getting sick.

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1. غادر المنطقة على الفور.
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3. اخلع ملابسك وضعها في حقيبة بلاستيكية، مع إحكام غلق الحقيبة.
4. خذ حمامًا أو اغسل جلدك وشعرك جيدًا بالماء والصابون.
5. ارتد ملابس نظيفة.
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