

# Decontamination

Decontamination is the removal of a harmful substance from the body. It involves taking off clothing, showering and putting on clean clothes.

You will be directed to the decontamination area. The staff will be wearing protective clothing and head gear. If you have children, help them follow these steps with you.

1. Take off your clothes and place them in the large bag. You may also be given a small bag to place your valuables in.
2. Wait for your turn to shower.
3. When it is your turn:
  - Stand under the shower and rinse your hair and entire body.
  - Rinse under your arms and in all creases and skin folds.
  - Wash your hair and body with the soap.
  - Rinse your hair and body well.
4. Step out of the shower and dry off. The staff will give you something to wear and will tell you where to go next.

Tell the staff **right away** if your skin or eyes burn or if you have breathing problems.