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Amesbury incident: clinical advice for GPs 6 July 2018

Public health messaging has not changed.

The risk remains low, but is being kept under constant review.

Diagnosis and early management in organophosphate chemical incidents

If concerned seek advice early – call 999.

Recognising the release of a chemical: Visual indicators of a chemical event may include all or some of the following:

- individuals showing unexplained signs of skin, eye or airway irritation
- breathing difficulties
- nausea
- vomiting
- sweating
- blurred painful vision
- disorientation
- fitting or unconsciousness

Isolate the patient. Call 999 and indicate possible chemical exposure.

For more detailed information see the PHE document 'Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents: clinical management and health protection', available at: https://bit.ly/2tZSDyl%09.

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