

E. Rescue/First Aid for H₂S Poisoning

DO NOT PANIC !!!
Remain Calm - THINK

1. Hold your breath (Do not inhale, stop breathing).
2. Put on breathing apparatus.
3. Remove any victims to fresh air as quickly as possible. Move upwind from the source or at right angles to the wind, NOT downwind.
4. Briefly apply chest pressure - arm lift method of artificial respiration to clear the victim's lungs and to avoid inhaling any toxic gas directly from the victim's lungs.
5. Provide for prompt transportation to the hospital, and continue giving artificial respiration if needed.
6. Hospital or medical facilities need to be informed, beforehand, of the possibility of H₂S gas poisoning, no matter how remote the possibility is.
7. Notify emergency room personnel that the victim has been exposed to H₂S gas.

Besides basic first aid, everyone on location should have a good working knowledge of artificial respiration, as well as first aid for eyes and skin contact with liquid H₂S. Everyone needs to master these necessary skills.