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occur under the direct supervision of ETPA staff. Following the satisfactory completion of the required activities, students will be led to a decontamination area.

V. Decontamination:
   a. Decontamination will only occur under the supervision of ETPA staff.
   b. The only authorized substances for use during decontamination are:
      i. Water
      ii. Baby Shampoo / Soap, specifically marked in packaging with “No Tears”, or other markings to indicate that it is safe for application to the eye.
      iii. Saline solution, of a standard concentration regularly used to flush the eye of contaminants.
      iv. Any other substances specifically authorized by ETPA instructors, or applied by trained medical staff acting in a professional capacity.
   c. Dishwashing liquid, hand soap, “degreasers”, or any other caustic chemicals are strictly prohibited. **Students who bring such substances to the training area where OC exposure is being conducted will be immediately removed from training and expelled from the academy.**
   d. Decontamination will occur in accordance with recognized law enforcement training standards. However, it should be noted that capsaicin is not soluble in water, regardless of the volume of water used. A formal study noted that various treatment regimes resulted in no significant difference in pain relief, with time after exposure being the greatest indicator of reduced effects.¹

VI. Following the completion of the decontamination procedures, all students will remain on the premises and under the direct observation of ETPA staff for no less than one hour. This one hour monitoring period will not begin until the last student exposed to OC has finished decontamination. Should a student require additional recovery time, ETPA staff will supervise the student until the student deems that they are recovered and capable of safely traveling from the training facility.

VII. Recontamination not required: students who have been contaminated with OC through East Texas Police Academy training will not be required to undergo exposure again. Students must be able to provide written documentation to the ETPA Office prior to the date of contamination showing completion/contamination with OC during ETPA training that was conducted after January 1, 2012.
