

REFLEX PROTECT TACTICAL

Presidia Gel® Spray and Reflex Remove® Policy

For the law enforcement community as well as corrections and security officers, we are providing the following guidance about the possession and use of Reflex Protect® Presidia Gel® and Reflex Remove® decontaminant.

1. Training is required.

Accepted best practice is annual training by a certified Reflex Protect instructor with Presidia Gel. This training will cover use of force as well as drawing and spraying inert units of both the 1.9 Duty Belt size (similar to MK-3) and the larger 5.0 Industry size (similar to MK-5). Proper use of Reflex Remove decontaminant is also covered. In addition, it is also recommended that officers be exposed to the chemical agent they carry. This not only helps the officers get a full understanding of the spray, decon, recovery, and use, but it also adds credibility to the officer when it comes up in litigation.

Both Reflex Protect chemical agent aerosol instructor and user training is available through Tactical Defense Training for law enforcement and corrections. Although instructor certification has a two-year expiration, annual instructor training updates are available and encouraged.

2. Understanding Presidia Gel spray use.

Reflex Protect Presidia Gel has been proven to cause less injury than empty hand techniques, impact weapons, or ERD while producing no long-lasting effects on suspects who have been sprayed. Nearly universally, active defense sprays including OC pepper spray are accepted as low on the use of force continuum across the United States. Therefore officers should be encouraged to use Presidia Gel and its partner decontaminant Reflex Remove earlier in aggressive scenes, and certainly before attempting to go “hands on” with a suspect. Statistically there is a significant reduction in injuries to both officers and suspects when chemical sprays are used, and overall safety increases with Presidia Gel use.

3. Approved Presidia Gel use.

No cross-contamination:

With no concern about cross-contamination, Presidia Gel can be used safely indoors, in confined

spaces, and inside vehicles. Effects are immediate.

Ideal for use inside homes or buildings, when innocents are present, during cell extractions, close quarter use, breaking up inmate fights, and during transport.

Highly targeted stream:

The 5.0 oz. Industry Presidia Gel can accurately target the stream up to 18 feet away. The 1.9 oz. Duty Belt Presidia Gel effectively reaches 15 feet.

Ideal for targeting a single individual in all environments with no cross contamination.

Sticky liquid nature:

With the sticky gel able to stick to the suspect it hits, it cannot be thrown back onto officers. Side splatter is also not an issue.

4. How to decontaminate Presidia Gel on a person with Reflex Remove.

After securing the scene, decontamination can begin immediately on site with Reflex Remove. It is recommended to start decontamination while the suspect is in handcuffs and not to remove handcuffs while at the scene for decontamination.

Relief begins on contact with skin. Subjects can function within two minutes and feel minimal effects by five minutes. Presidia Gel naturally dissipates in 15 minutes.

Have the subject in a sitting or kneeling position for safety.

1. Directly wet impacted skin thoroughly with Reflex Remove, and then gently blot with a clean cloth. (Do NOT rub or wipe skin or eyes, as this spreads irritants.) It is important not to reuse contaminated cloths.
2. Continue by soaking another clean, absorbent cloth and hold (do not rub) against affected area.
3. Repeatedly apply clean, freshly wetted cloths until recovered.
4. Follow your agency policy about having the suspect looked at by a medical professional when safe to do so.

5. How to decontaminate Presidia Gel on a surface with Reflex Remove.

1. Apply Reflex Remove liberally to impacted area.
2. Wait at least 30 seconds for chemical process to break down contaminates, then blot or wipe dry.