

# **PLEASE READ THIS FIRST**

**IF IT APPEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN  
ATTACK USING A CORROSIVE AGENT  
YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE  
INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT  
ATTEMPT TO USE THE CONTENTS OF  
THIS BAG WITHOUT THESE  
INSTRUCTIONS.**

# Chemical Attack Instructions

Follow these instructions carefully and quickly

## Step 1 Personal Safety

- Cordon off area from the public and move any staff not assisting. Ask someone to bring the **first aid kit**, **black and yellow tool box** (aka Art Handling Emergency Grab Bag) and **electric fan** from **office XX** or **office XX**, if not already in possession.

**Assume chemical is TOXIC and CORROSIVE**

- 1) Get out pH strips and black mop-up pads (in main section of red bag)
- 2) Get out a yellow chemical waste bag (under red bag lid, yellow pouch)
- 3) Put on coveralls and overboots. (in main section of red bag and inside front pocket in further zipped pocket)
- 4) Put on mask (in red bag side pockets)
- 5) Put on eye goggles (under red bag lid, grey pouch)
- 6) Put on black gloves (in red bag side pockets)

## Step 2 Identify the chemical

- Using pH strips dip in agent and read off the colour and number (tools like tweezers, small scoops and vials in black tool roll, red bag main section)
- You can dip the strips directly in the agent on the painting, in the container if you have it, or if you find any on the floor.

0-6 = **Acidic**

7=**Neutral**

8-14=**Alkaline**

- Now choose the correct colour-coded page for the corresponding material and follow that page:

**Red**=Acid

**Green** = Viscous Paint Strippers (usually neutral)

**Blue** =Alkalis/solvents