

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS:**

\_\_\_\_ (Insert agency name) \_\_\_\_\_ deployed the following chemical munitions in the building located at: \_\_\_\_\_ on: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ OC (Oleoresin Capsicum) \_\_\_\_\_ CS (Ortho Chorobenzalmalononitril)

The following are suggestions that may help in the decontamination process:

- 1) Ventilate the building to remove airborne particulates of the chemical used.
  - Open all doors
  - Fans can be used to increase ventilation
- 2) Use non-ionic, non-oil based detergents such as Tide or Ivory Liquid mixed with water to clean.
- 3) Surfaces, which will not be damaged may be decontaminated with baking soda mixed with water
- 4) A HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Air) filtered industrial vacuum cleaner may be used to collect the residual powder. A standard household vacuum is not recommended, as it may stir up the powder.
- 5) Dry cleaning is suggested for decontaminating clothing and/or other fabrics. It is recommended that you let the cleaner know about the contamination.
- 6) Contaminated foods can absorb OC/CS and should be discarded. OC/CS penetrates many plastics and wrapped foods, so any foods wrapped in plastic or in plastic storage containers may be contaminated. This includes foods that are in the refrigerator. Canned foods may be usable after the outside of the can has been cleaned.
- 7) Each building requiring decontamination should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the chemicals deployed in the building and the occupant(s) medical condition(s), thereby, causing in some situations some or all of these suggested steps to be repeated multiple times.