

# REFLEX PROTECT<sup>®</sup> TACTICAL

## Presidia Gel<sup>®</sup> Spray and Reflex Remove<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Presidia Gel<sup>®</sup> and Reflex Remove<sup>®</sup> 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 the 1.9 Duty Belt size (MK-3), 3.3 ounce (MK-4), and the larger 14 oz. (MK-9). 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 are 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 spectrum across the United States. Therefore, officers should be encouraged to use Presidia Gel and its partner decontaminant Reflex Remove earlier in aggressive scenes, and sooner than other force options with a suspect. Statistically there is a significant reduction in injuries to both

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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.

### 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 35 minutes. Can be decontaminated with plain water in about 15 minutes.

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

1. Flush the face or affected area with Remove. Wipe the area with a fresh towel/paper towel once straight down and then throw the towel on the ground. Use a fresh towel each wipe until all the visible (has a yellowish color) Presidia Gel is off the face. Next tilt the head to the right, flush the eyes while subject repeatedly blinks, repeat the same for the other eye, then wipe the entire face, fresh towel each time, same as above. This is where blinking is critical to flush away Presidia Gel. Blotting alone here with eyes closed does not remove PG. Note: It is important not to reuse contaminated cloths or paper towels.
2. Repeatedly apply Reflex Remove and gently wipe with clean cloths or paper towels until recovered. Note: Presidia Gel is very sticky and often times when Remove is first applied it breaks down Presidia Gel and may flow into areas that were not affected before giving the sensation of remove causing it to burn. Typically, this happens around the eyes as it sticks to the eyebrows and flows when decon is started.
3. Once that has been done, eyes are open and relief has been felt, use the blacklight and inspect for any areas that are still glowing and have Presidia Gel, usually ridges of ears, eyebrows, hairlines, facial hair, etc. female officers with hair pulled back usually clings to hair. Those areas all need cleaned with Remove again until no sign is present under UV light.
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.

1. Wait at least 30 seconds for chemical process to break down contaminates, then blot or wipe dry.