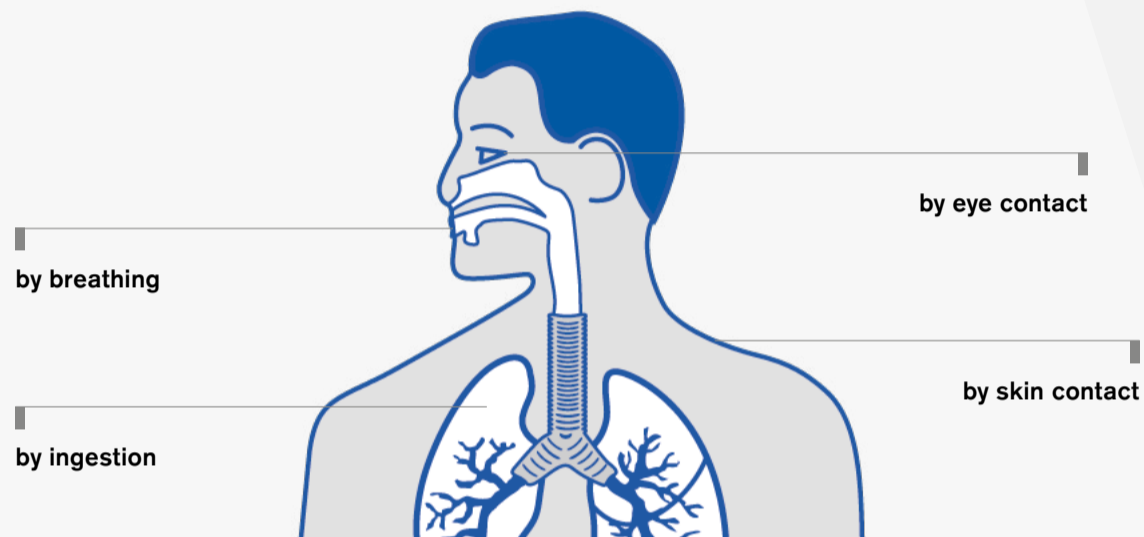


## The danger after the danger

### Safe handling of contaminated personal protective equipment

Anyone handling toxic hazardous substances must bear in mind that their task is only safely completed once there is no longer any possibility of coming into contact with the hazardous substances. One aspect that is often underestimated is that hazardous substances which have accumulated on the surfaces of personal protective equipment (PPE) may come off again during removal!

#### How can toxic substances enter the body?



#### What is the degree of toxicity dependent on?

- Concentration
- Duration of contact
- State of aggregation
- Frequency of contact
- Ambient temperature

#### Contaminated protective clothing – seven instructions for safe handling

- STOP**  
Only remove protective clothing in non-contaminated areas.
- Only remove protective clothing in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and with a second person if possible.
- Have a helper (also wearing PPE) pre-clean your protective clothing prior to removal.
- Also remove protective clothing during work breaks.
- Close protective clothing after removal. Do not allow any chemicals to get inside the suit!
- Do not clean protective clothing yourself. This task must be carried out by specialists!
- Ensure safe transport of protective clothing to the storage, cleaning or disposal site.

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In the event something should happen: after contact with toxic substances, clean skin immediately and seek medical attention if necessary!