

CYANIDE POISONING

- This policy is to be used in conjunction with Smoke Inhalation **page 20** and HazMat **page 159**
- Medications are only given if the patient is showing signs and symptoms of cyanide poisoning. **THEY ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN PROPHYLACTICALLY**

Symptoms:

- ▶ Exposure to a vapor or liquid that may smell like "bitter almonds"
- ▶ Upper airway and/or eye irritation
- ▶ Flushing
- ▶ Headache

- ▶ Anxiety
- ▶ Agitation
- ▶ Vertigo
- ▶ Weakness
- ▶ Nausea
- ▶ Muscular trembling

Signs:

- ▶ Transient hyperpnea, followed by seizures, apnea and cardiac collapse
- ▶ Tremor

- ▶ Normal pupils
- ▶ Diaphoresis
- ▶ Cyanosis

