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During this unprecedented time, as always, we support law enforcement and military agencies who are out on the front lines, selflessly exposing themselves to the deadly, respiratory disease COVID-19 (coronavirus).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and they warn the virus can remain infectious on hard surfaces, such as plastic and steel, for up to three (3) days.

In order to prevent exposure and illness, it is critical for first responders to frequently clean and thoroughly disinfect all equipment such as batons, riot gear and restraints.

**Below are important guidelines on how to properly clean and disinfect Monadnock® batons, riot gear and Monadnock and Hiatt® restraints:**

- Visibly dirty surfaces should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- **DO NOT USE BLEACHING AGENTS, such as Clorox on any fabrics or other material not made of metal (e.g. metal handcuffs). Bleach may cause discoloration and staining.**
- Monadnock products can be cleaned by wiping with a damp cloth. Any liquid or powdered soap and water along with a scouring pad will assist in cleaning.
- Once product is thoroughly clean, proceed to disinfect product with a surface safe disinfectant such as antibacterial soap, Lysol, or [EPA-registered disinfectant](#) wipes.
- **CAUTION: Some listed chemicals on EPA site may result in damage to the finish of the product.**
- Refer to product label for the required contact time (how long the disinfectant should remain on the surface), the product shelf-life, and all safety instructions prior to handling and use.
- The surface should remain 'visibly wet' for the prescribed contact time in order to produce disinfection. **NOTE: If the surface is not kept wet for the appropriate amount of time to kill the microorganisms, it is possible to spread microorganisms with the wipe.**
- After prescribed disinfectant contact time, surface may be wiped dry, or the surface may be allowed to air dry. Be sure the product is completely dry prior to use.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the proper disinfection of Monadnock products, please feel free to contact Customer Service at [customercare.wy@safariland.com](mailto:customercare.wy@safariland.com).

As always, we are extremely grateful for your service and offer our continued support through this trying time.