

detoxification

1. Process, or processes, of chemical modification which make a toxic molecule less toxic.
2. Treatment of patients suffering from poisoning in such a way as to promote physiological processes which reduce the probability or severity of harmful effects.

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PAC, 1993, 65, 2003 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in toxicology (IUPAC Recommendations 1993)*) on page 2038