

Dry Decontamination Procedure

Do not eat, drink, smoke or touch face until hands are cleaned

Where appropriate:

- Using low-pressure water, wearers lightly damp each other down
- Using low-pressure water, wearers will rinse any visible contaminant from areas known to have been contaminated, this includes PPE and the Breathing Apparatus Set (RPE)
- Remove Helmet
- Rinse Boots and Gloves
- Kneel down on one knee remove BA Set (do not break the facemask seal) in such a way so that it is laying on the ground in front of you.
- Remove Fire/ PPE tunic carefully peeling off gloves at the same time, so that the tunic is inside out
- **If required** place the tunic in the water-soluble bag and place firefighting gloves to one side.
- Don disposable gloves
- Remove Fire/ PPE Leggings keeping hands inside them to avoid touching potentially contaminated areas of clothing
- Step out of the Fire/ PPE boots
- Separate the Fire/ PPE leggings and if required place in the water-soluble bag
- Refit footwear or fire boots (rinsed earlier)
- Grab the lower edge of the fire hood neck peeling forward over the BA LDV and onto the airline
- Remove Face Mask
- Carefully remove the fire hood and if required, place in the water-soluble bag, and place into the larger clear bag and (when possible) complete the label.
- If required place BA set in disposable bag for further cleaning on return to station
- Remove disposable gloves

Post Fire Decontamination (if required) including Asbestos

- Use wipes contained on the appliance designed for this purpose
- Using wipes, decontaminate hands and face until no indication of contaminants are present.
- Equipment including helmets must be cleaned using industrial wipes. **Do not use the post fire decontamination wipes.**

Asbestos (If required)

- Remove facemask and LDV to one side, place BA Set and Cylinder into a clear bag
 - Seal the bag with a swan neck and cable tie
 - Place sealed bag into a second bag
 - Place BA Facemask and LDV between the inner and outer bag
 - If required place PPE and Asbestos Warning Labels on the outside of the bag
 - (Include Name, Roll Number, Type of Contamination, Station and Date)
 - Wipe down boots and helmet, radio, torch and cutters
- ❖ **On return to the station, wearers MUST take a shower (Secondary Decontamination).**
- ❖ **Suspected Asbestos contaminated BA Sets, once labelled and bagged correctly, should be transported to EMS.**

On Return to Station Procedure

- The OIC will request, via Fire Control, time to allow crews to carry out health and hygiene activities.
- Personnel who require showering must do so as soon as reasonably practicable, following the guidance “Station Showering” below.
- Bagged PPE can be handled without gloves or FFP3 Dust Mask, must be placed into the PPE Collection Bin. The label on the bag must be completed any relevant paperwork to support the correct laundry process. Place a comment in the remarks section e.g. “Heavy Soot”
- Bagged up suspected Asbestos contaminated BA Sets can be handled without gloves and an FFP3 dust mask when carrying out this function.
- Once cleaned, and if required, the BA Set(s) should be placed into the station drying room, before being returned to service.
- Crews must clean the cab of the appliances following the guidance within the “Clean Cab” policy document.
- If required crews should obtain a fresh set of PPE, if none is available, follow the established procedure for obtaining loaner kit.

Station Showering

Crews should be mindful of the following guidance in relation to showering:

- Rinse your entire body including hair using warm (not hot) water
- You should then apply soap across your whole body paying particular attention to the soft tissue areas of the head, neck, hands and forearms.
- Thoroughly wash head, neck, hands, forearms and legs
- Rinse your entire body using warm water (not hot) water
- You can now increase the temperature of the water
- Crews should consider using a replacement set of uniform