

## Alternative Dry Decontamination Procedure

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

### Where appropriate:

- Using low-pressure, low volume water, wearers lightly damp each other down, if required wearers will rinse any visible contaminant from areas known to have been contaminated
- Rinse Boots and Gloves
- Remove gloves and, where fitted tunic thumb loops, don disposable gloves. If required place the fire gloves into a water soluble bag, or to one side for on scene/station cleaning
- Remove Fire helmet and place to one side for cleaning with specific wipes later on
- Remove any ancillary equipment and place with the helmet
- Loosen the BA straps and undo the waist belt, and open the tunic
- Grab the lower edge of the fire hood neck peeling forward over the BA LDV and onto the airline
- Remove the BA set using the left shoulder strap first as this will allow greater reach with the LDV supply hose.
- **If damping down of the PPE and RPE hasn't taken place crews should don disposable FFP3 dust masks**
- Remove the BA set on the salvage sheet/ground next to you. Remove the mask, close down and purge the air from the set before replacing with the bodyguard/DSU key.
- Remove the fire hood from the LDV hose and, if required, place into the water soluble bag
- Remove Fire/ PPE tunic carefully so that the tunic is inside out
- Remove Fire/ PPE Leggings keeping hands inside them to avoid touching potentially contaminated areas of clothing and step out of the Fire/ PPE boots
- Separate the Fire/ PPE leggings and remove any pocket gear, if required place the leggings into the water-soluble bag
- Refit work footwear, if available, or fire boots (rinsed earlier)
- Equipment including helmets must be cleaned using **industrial wipes** only.
- Once bags are sealed remove disposable gloves

### Post Fire Hygiene (if required) including Asbestos

- Using post fire hygiene wipes, decontaminate hands and face until no indication of contaminants are present.

### 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