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### BREATHING APPARATUS EMERGENCY DOFFING PROCEDURE


As an outcome of P2P innovation idea D1143 Emergency Doffing Procedure, DFES has adopted the Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) "Emergency Breathing Apparatus Doffing Procedure for Rapid Primary Assessment of an Injured Firefighter".

#### Critical Message

PPE and equipment worn by firefighters can greatly affect the time taken to access a downed firefighter and provide a rapid primary first aid assessment, or to commence CPR. Removing equipment and clothing is the highest priority to rapidly accessing the downed firefighter in order to provide effective first aid treatment.

DFES Volunteer and Career personnel qualified to wear breathing apparatus will be required to practice **Maintenance Training Activity 1374 "BA Emergency Doffing Procedure – MAYDAY DRAG"**. In conjunction with watching the FRNSW May Day Drag for Rapid assessment video.

- Training information is located in [eAcademy](#) following these directions:

	The May Day Drag for Rapid Assessment video can be accessed through eAcademy in Catalogues – Learner Manuals and Drills – Videos – Breathing Apparatus
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- The BA Emergency Doffing Procedure Maintenance Training Activity 1374 can be accessed through the eAcademy in Catalogues – Learners Manuals – Drills and Activities 1300-1399 Breathing Apparatus

#### Volunteers

Volunteer BGU's are to conduct the drill as part of their BGU maintenance training activities in liaison with regional managers. Consolidation then occurs within scheduled BA refresher training.

#### CFRS

Country and Metropolitan CFRS Station Officers are to conduct training at shift level as part of their annual maintenance training program.

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