

Australian Capital Territory

Corrections Management (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus) Policy 2009

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made under the

***Corrections Management Act 2007*, section 14(1) (Corrections policies and operating procedures)**

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus) Policy 2009*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Policy

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COMPRESSED AIR BREATHING APPARATUS POLICY

attached to this instrument, to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

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COMPRESSED AIR BREATHING APPARATUS POLICY



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Purpose

To outline the policy to ensure Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus (CABA) is used and maintained appropriately.

Authority

Legislation

Corrections Management Act 2007, section 14.

Policy

Principles

Corrections Officers are trained in the safe and effective use of CABA equipment and may be required to use this equipment in the event of a fire or gas leak within a correctional centre. Corrections Officers are first responding officers in the event of a fire or gas leak (including an unknown substance). The first responding officer is responsible for containment and must give due consideration to personal safety and security generally.

The CO3 will provide assistance to the ACT Fire Brigade in responding to the incident.

Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus (CABA)

CABA equipment allows operators to breathe in an environment that may contain smoke and/or toxic substances.

CABA equipment is located in the following areas of the AMC:

- Gatehouse;
- Movement Control; and
- Women’s community centre.

Smoke hoods

Smoke hoods are located in all Officers’ Stations and are available for corrections officers to use when exiting a smoke filled or toxic environment. Smoke hoods are not

to be used for response purposes. Smoke hoods provide filtered air for approximately 15 minutes from activation.

Inspections

The CABA equipment must be inspected weekly by the Area CO2 stationed in each of the areas where the equipment is stored. A record of each inspection shall be completed in the Compressed Air Breathing Log Book by the CO2.

Training

The Deputy Superintendent will co-ordinate onsite training in fire awareness and response (including the use of CABA) at least yearly. Records will be forwarded to the Training and Development Unit and retained by them.

Forms/Templates

Officers Report Form
Contemporaneous Notebook
Compressed Air Breathing Log Book

Related Policies and Procedures

Incident Reporting Policy
Incident Reporting Procedure
Incident Response Policy
Incident Response Procedure
Prisoner Property Procedure
Searching Policy
Searching Procedure