

Australian Capital Territory

# Corrections Management (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus) Policy 2019

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus) Policy 2019*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

## 3 Policy

I make this policy to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

## 4 Revocation

This policy revokes the *Corrections Management (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus) Policy 2011* [NI2011-122]



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# COMPRESSED AIR BREATHING APPARATUS

POLICY NO. D10

ACT CORRECTIVE SERVICES



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## **1 PURPOSE**

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) is committed to ensuring that staff members have access to suitable protective equipment in the event of a fire or emergency incident in a correctional centre.

This policy provides instructions for the appropriate use and maintenance of Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus.

## **2 SCOPE**

This policy applies to all correctional centres in the ACT.

## **3 PRINCIPLES**

- 3.1 The use of Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus (CABA) equipment by staff must only be for preservation of life (self and others) and not fire response.
- 3.2 Staff must not use smoke hoods for any other purpose than to assist in self-evacuating a low oxygen or toxic environment, as to do so creates an unacceptable and high risk of potentially serious harm to the individual.

## **4 COMPRESSED AIR BREATHING APPARATUS (CABA)**

- 4.1 CABA equipment allows operators to breathe in an environment that may be low in oxygen, contain smoke and/or toxic substances, natural gas or as the result of a fire.
- 4.2 Staff will use CABA equipment to self-evacuate and evacuate other staff and detainees in the event of a fire.
- 4.3 CABA equipment must be located in all buildings that detainees cannot self-evacuate and according to any direction of the General Manager Custodial Operations.
- 4.4 CABA equipment will be utilised where necessary by CABA teams comprised of two officers.
- 4.5 In order to ensure safe use of CABA equipment, staff must satisfy themselves that any facial hair, including beards, does not compromise the seal of the apparatus and create a risk of exposure to smoke or gases.

## 5 SMOKE HOODS

- 5.1 Smoke hoods are located in all Officers' Stations and are available for staff to use when exiting a low oxygen or toxic environment.
- 5.2 Staff must not use smoke hoods for response purposes and instead deploy CABA equipment for this purpose.
- 5.3 Smoke hoods provide filtered air for approximately 15 minutes from activation.

## 6 INSPECTIONS

- 6.1 The Fire Protection Manager must:
  - a. inspect all CABA equipment each week and complete a record in the Compressed Air Breathing Log Book;
  - b. ensure a stocktake of all CABA equipment is completed each week and provided to ACT Fire and Rescue (ACTF&R) using the AMC Breathing Apparatus Equipment Location form; and
  - c. liaise with ACTF&R:
    - i. on the maintenance or replacement of CABA equipment;
    - ii. when any CABA equipment requires cleaning or decontamination; and
    - iii. when a minimum of four breathing apparatus cylinders require refilling.
- 6.2 Staff must inspect smoke hoods as part of the security checks under the Security Checks Operating Procedure.

## 7 TRAINING

- 7.1 The General Manager Custodial Operations will ensure that all custodial officers maintain current training in the use of CABA equipment.
- 7.2 Mandatory training requirements for custodial officers are as follows:
  - a. one (1) full day initial training; and
  - b. one (1) half-day refresher course each year.
- 7.3 All training records will be retained by the Training and Development Unit in accordance with the Territory Records Act 2002.

## 8 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A – Compressed Air Breathing Log Book

- B – AMC Breathing Apparatus Equipment Location
- C – Security Checks Operating Procedure.



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