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Guidance

## BA Foundation Element

**Use navigation techniques and equipment whilst wearing breathing apparatus for respiratory protection**



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## TRAINING SPECIFICATION

### Knowledge and understanding

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#### Learning outcome

Navigating when wearing breathing apparatus in a limited visibility environment

Understand:

- The hazards associated with navigating in various risk environments whilst wearing breathing apparatus
- The procedures and techniques for safe movement as a BA team member within a risk area
- The navigational techniques appropriate to movement of BA wearers within the risk area
- The methods used to maintain close personal contact with BA team members
- The methods that a firefighter and the team can apply to retrace their steps along a path of entry
- The benefits of providing regular updates to the breathing apparatus entry control operative

### Practical application



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**Learning outcome**

Navigating when wearing breathing apparatus in a limited visibility environment

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Identify the hazards when navigating in various risk environments whilst wearing breathing apparatus
- Perform the procedures and techniques for safe movement as a BA team member within a risk area
- Perform appropriate navigational techniques for the movement of BA wearers within the risk area
- Use appropriate methods to enable a BA team to retrace steps along a path of entry
- Use appropriate methods to maintain close personal contact with BA team members
- Perform the approved methods to search for fire and casualties
- Use appropriate equipment to achieve specific search objectives
- Perform the approved methods for providing regular updates to the breathing apparatus entry control operative