



Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

TOPIC: How to Enter Narrow Openings Wearing a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

TIME FRAME: 30 Minutes

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:

Condition: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Full Protective Structural Safety Gear

Behavior: The student will enter a narrow opening wearing Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus under simulated fire conditions

Standard: With a minimum of 70% accuracy

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- SCBA
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Audio visual equipment
- Structural safety gear

REFERENCES:

- IFSTA, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, 1st Edition, Chapter 10

PREPARATION: Getting into places such as crawl spaces and attic openings is sometimes difficult because the access hole is too small for the firefighter and the SCBA. Use the following procedure to enter through a narrow opening.

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OPENINGS WEARING A
SELF CONTAINED
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OPERATIONS

KEY POINTS

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| 1. Don the self-contained breathing apparatus. | 1a. Outside confined space |
| 2. Advance to the narrow opening. | b. Properly |
| 3. Climb partially through narrow opening. | 3a. Feet first |
| 4. Remove self-contained breathing apparatus | b. As far as possible |
| 5. Continue entering confined space | 4a. Ground SCBA outside opening or |
| 6. Bring self-contained breathing apparatus through opening. | b. Another person hold SCBA on outside |
| 7. Re-don self- contained breathing apparatus | c. Do not remove facepiece |
| | 5a. Do not remove facepiece |
| | b. Until fully inside |
| | 7a. Properly |
| | b. Adjusting as necessary |

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APPLICATION:

The student will practice until proficient.

EVALUATION:

A performance examination.

ASSIGNMENT:

To be determined by instructor(s).

Performance Examination

HOW TO ENTER NARROW
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	<u>POINTS</u>
1. Don self-contained breathing apparatus	<u>25</u>
2. Climb partially through a narrow opening	<u>10</u>
3. Remove self-contained breathing apparatus	<u>10</u>
4. Lay the self-contained breathing apparatus aside or have another person hold it while maintaining the proper face-facepiece seal	<u>10</u>
5. Continue through the narrow opening	<u>10</u>
6. Bring self-contained breathing apparatus through the narrow opening	<u>10</u>
7. Re-don the self-contained breathing apparatus adjusting harness and facepiece as needed	<u>25</u>

ENTER TOTAL TIME: _____:

POINTS POSSIBLE: 100

POINTS DEDUCTED:

FINAL SCORE:

EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

COMMENTS:

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