



# FIRE PROTECTION TRAINING

Procedures Handbook 4300

HOSE

**TOPIC:** How To Uncouple a Tight Coupling, Knee-Press Method - One Person

**TIME FRAME:** :15

**LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:** Level II

**BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:**

*Condition:* Two lengths of hose with male and female couplings tightly preconnected

*Behavior:* The student will uncouple a tight coupling using the one person knee press method under simulated fire conditions.

*Standard:* With a minimum of 100% accuracy within 30 seconds

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- Two sections of tightly preconnected hose per student
- Performance examinations
- Individual score sheets
- One (1) stop watch
- One (1) clip board
- One (1) red pen
- Appropriate fire safety PPE per CAL FIRE policy

**REFERENCES:**

- IFSTA, Essentials of Fire Fighting, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Chapter 13

**PREPARATION:**

It is not uncommon to come upon a set of couplings which are too tight to uncouple by hand. Before expending valuable time obtaining spanner wrenches, try the one person knee press method to uncouple the fitting



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## OPERATIONS

## KEY POINTS

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Grasp hose         | 1a. Behind female coupling<br>b. Either hand   |
| 2. Stand coupling     | 2a. Vertically<br>b. On ground<br>c. Male end down   |
| 3. Bend hose          | 3a. Close to male and female couplings   |
| 4. Place knee         | 4a. Either knee<br>b. On shank of female coupling  |
| 5. Apply pressure     | 5a. Downward<br>b. Keep thigh vertical with the coupling and apply body weight to connection<br>c. Compress gasket |
| 6. Uncouple coupling  | 6a. Counter clockwise<br>b. Snapping quickly   |
| 7. Lay couplings down | 7a. On ground<br>b. Without damage   |



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***APPLICATION:***

The student will practice until proficient.

***EVALUATION:***

A performance examination.

***ASSIGNMENT:***

To be determined by instructor(s).