

Clothing Requirement for MED Courses

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Policy

Students attending Marine Emergency Duties (MED) courses at WMI that involve firefighting practical components must wear suitable protective clothing due to exposure to high temperatures and live fire conditions. Firefighting PPE (turnout Gear) will be provided by WMI to conduct training, however, please ensure you come prepared with the following personal clothing and appearance:

1. Natural fiber shirts and long pants must be worn (even under your turnout gear). No polyester or other synthetic fibres will be allowed.
2. Closed-toe shoes (unless you are wearing Firefighting boots provided by WMI) and heavy socks must be worn at all times during practical exercises.
3. No jewelery, body piercings, or contact lens shall be worn for practical components.
4. Firefighters who use a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be **clean shaven** to ensure that the mask forms a positive seal against the face as per Work Safe BC regulation 31.22(1).
5. Only corrective eye wear designed for use with a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus may be worn as per Work Safe BC regulation 31.22(4)

Students attending MED courses at WMI that involve practical components using Life Saving Equipment and Appliances must be prepared and bring the following items:

1. only closed toed shoes allowed (No open toed footwear)
2. Swimsuit (or Clean T-shirt and pants) and towel
3. Candidates with special needs may bring thier own gear
4. special PPE or gear you use at work may also be used.

A large portion of MED courses is conducted outside, rain or shine, please come prepared for all weather conditions (Ex. drinking water, rain gear, sunscreen, etc).