

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY TIPS CORNER

- BEFORE OPERATING A ROOF OR BUMPER TURRET, MAKE SURE ALL PERSONNEL ARE CLEAR OF THE TARGET AREA.
- A SAFE DRIVER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF A FIRE VEHICLE.
- INVISIBLE, ODORLESS AND TASTELESS—CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS. WEAR YOUR MASK, ESPECIALLY DURING OVERHAULING.
- WHEN OPERATING AT ELECTRICAL FIRES OR EMERGENCIES, DISCONNECT POWER, STATION A FIREFIGHTER WITH A RADIO AT THE SWITCH AND AVOID CONTACT WITH METAL SURFACES.
- IN INTERIOR AIRCRAFT OR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS, IF THE DOOR IS HOT OR FIRE IS SHOWING AT THIS POINT, THE CEILING SHOULD BE HIT WITH THE HOSE STREAM, COOLING IT AND DRIVING FIRE GASES BACK. THE FLOOR IS THEN SWEEPED WITH THE STREAM TO COOL ANY HOT PLASTER OR BURNING DEBRIS AT FLOOR LEVEL. THIS WILL HELP PREVENT BURNS TO HANDS, LEGS AND KNEES.
- OFFICERS AND VEHICLE OPERATORS ARE REMINDED TO SLOW DOWN BEFORE AN INTERSECTION, NOT IN IT. DRIVE DEFENSIVELY.

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SUIT YOURSELF. Scuba divers know how difficult putting on a wet suit can be. Here is a possible solution. Place a ziploc bag on your hand or foot before you slide into the suit's sleeve or leg. The smooth surface of

the bag helps you slip the wet suit on easily.

DON'T FLY WITHOUT WINGS. For lumbar back support during a long flight, use a pair of kids inflatable water wings. They're only \$1 per pair at Wal-Mart, and they don't take up much room in your carry-on.

DIY ROOM SERVICE. If you are exhausted from a long day of sightseeing in New York City, and your hotel has free W-Fi access, instead of trekking out again for dinner use your laptop computer to access menupages.com and look up menus of nearby restaurants. You can search the site by neighborhood and sort by restaurants that deliver.

PASS THE POWER. I've discovered that battery powered devices can vary greatly in their need for fully charged batteries. For example, even though my camera identifies a pair of AA batteries as dead, they still have enough power for my flashlight. Then, when the flashlight gets too dim, my travel clock will run on the batteries for months.

ISLAND STYLE. When vacationing in Maui or Honolulu, save big money on Aloha shirts and dresses by shopping at Ross Dress For Less. You can pick up an Aloha shirt for as little as \$12 (about half the cost found elsewhere) and a dress for about \$15.

SIPPY PUP. When you're traveling with your dog and you don't have a bowl with you, fill a quart size Ziploc bag with water and hold it open on the ground to make the water easy to drink.

LOST AT SEA. When you go on a cruise, blow up a red balloon and tape it on the door of your stateroom. That way you'll never have any problem finding your room in the ship's long hallways.