

MANIKIN EQUIPMENT NOTE

Note: Please read in conjunction with the Ruth Lee risk assessment.

Care & maintenance

1. Do not deliberately drop or abuse the manikins.
2. Do not expose the manikins to naked flames, excessive heat or hazardous substances.
3. Dress the manikins in protective overalls or clothing to enhance their durability.
4. If they become contaminated, they must be decontaminated before being handled again.

Inspection before and after use

1. Check for tears and holes that might interfere with the handling.
2. Check that none of the seams have become un-stitched.
3. Check that nothing has become embedded in the body of the manikins - no metal or wood is used in the manufacture of these products so anything hard or sharp will be a foreign object and must be removed.
4. Check that none of the limbs are loose and that no part of the manikins is likely to come loose during exercises.

Cleaning and Storing

1. We always recommend the use of the protective overalls as they are machine washable and do greatly extend the life of the product
2. If the manikins do become soiled, wipe down with a damp cloth or soapy water and stand up to dry.
3. If the manikins get wet during use or thorough cleaning, hang up to dry in an airy place.
4. We recommend the use of the manikin carrying/storage holdalls as they do make moving the manikins far easier for two people
4. Although the manikins are made from rot-proof canvas, always ensure they are completely dry before stowing.

Decontamination after Use

If the manikins have been exposed to hazardous substances during the exercise they must be decontaminated - seek specific instructions from the Hazmat Officer.

Damage and Repair

The manikins cannot be repaired at station level, they must be returned to stores for advice.

Supplementary note:

Water rescue manikins are designed to allow the ingress of water during use; it is desirable that this water is allowed to drain out after use. To aid this process, it is recommended that the manikins are hung up using the large webbing loop to the back and that the boots are removed.