COATS & PANTS

**Daily Inspection:** Should report any unsafe conditions to the Shift Officer.

**Frequency of Cleaning:** Should be accomplished at least every six months or as soon as possible after the termination of an incident where the clothing has been soiled or has come into contact with blood or other body fluids.

**Cleaning at Scene:** If possible, flush the clothing with water as soon as possible after the emergency (after exiting the structure) as this will remove as much as 90% of all contaminants before they have a chance to set in.

**Cleaning Instructions:**
1. Machine wash at Station 56 or 58. Wash inside out with buckles hooked.
2. Hang dry in well ventilated area or the drying unit at Station 56.
3. Inspect for any unsafe condition after wash.
4. Follow printed instructions.

**NOMEX PROTECTIVE HOODS.**

**Daily:** Inspect for any unsafe conditions.
**Frequency of cleaning**: Same as Coats & Pants.

**Cleaning**:  
1. Wash in machine, warm water with liquid detergent.  
2. Hang to dry in well ventilated area or place on drying unit.  
3. Inspect for any unsafe conditions.

**FIREFIGHTING GLOVES**:  

Daily: Inspect for seam integrity and for lack of tears.

**Frequency of Cleaning**: Same as Coat & Pants.

**Cleaning**:  
2. Rinse thoroughly  
3. Hang to dry or use the drying unit.  
4. Re-Inspect

**PROTECTIVE HELMET**:  

Daily: Inspect inner lining and outer shell for visible damage.

**Frequency of Cleaning**: Same as Coats and Pants.

**Cleaning**: Inner Lining.  
Remove ear flap and wash with protective hood.
1. Tumble dry, warm

Cleaning: Outer Shell:
1. Hand wash with mild detergent and warm water.

BOOTS:

Daily: Inspect for any tears or unsafe conditions.

Frequency of Cleaning: Same as Coat & Pants.

Cleaning:
1. Hand wash in mild detergent and warm water
2. Hang to dry using the drying unit at Station 56 when possible.
3. Re-inspect.

SUSPENDERS

Daily: Inspect for unsafe condition

Frequency of Cleaning: Same as Coat & Pants.

Cleaning:
2. Rinse thoroughly
3. Hang to dry or use the drying unit.
4. Re-Inspect
**Monthly Inspection of all Bunker Gear:**

There will be a monthly formal inspection of all Bunker Gear by the personnel to whom the equipment is assigned. Periodic inspection will be completed when designated on the Training Schedule. Any damages found will be reported on a Uniform Inspection Form 917.1.

**Identifying Bunker Gear**

All gear will be identified with the last 3 digits of the employee’s ELFR ID number marked with permanent ink marker in the following locations:

- **Helmet liner**
  - Rear of liner just above lower hem line
- **Nomex Hood**
  - Just above manufacturer’s label
- **Bunker Coat shell**
  - inside the right side of coat flap (if name is not rear “tail” of coat already on shell)
- **Bunker Coat liner**
  - on manufacturer’s label
- **Trousers shell**
  - Inside right flap of trousers fly
- **Trousers liner**
  - on manufacturer’s label
- **Boots**
  - Inside top edge of each boot top
- **Gloves**
  - Posterior aspect of glove in gray area between fabric wrist closure and blue leather

**Laundering Contaminated bunker gear (extractor machines only)**

- Bunker coats and trousers will have liners removed from shells (older gear will still require liners to be separated and inverted “inside-out”)
- Follow instructions listed on laundry cycle option sheet. (Wash only liners with liners, shells with shells, etc.)