

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADES SAFETY BULLETIN 2007/07



Defective resuscitation masks in EMT kits

Some resuscitation masks currently issued with EMT kits have developed faults. These faults include general deformation of the plastic, Figure 1 and deflation of the cuff around the seal area of the mask, Figure 2.



Figure 1



Figure 2

To increase their efficiency, the NSWFB and the supplier Mayo Healthcare will be replacing all resuscitation masks in EMT kits over the next month. Although faulty masks can still be used, operators should carefully monitor the seal around the casualty's face when using the bag valve mask (BVM).

Action Required

- Station Commanders are to immediately inspect all resuscitation masks in EMT kits (including spare equipment) for faults
- If a resuscitation mask is determined faulty the (BVM) may be used in the interim until the new style masks are delivered
- Replacement procedure for resuscitation masks:
 1. Print and complete [resuscitation mask exchange fax](#).
 2. Fax the document to Mayo Healthcare on 02 9700 9422.
 3. Mayo Healthcare will supply one set of resuscitation masks (adult, child and neo-natal sizes) per EMT kit on each appliance and minor fleet vehicle. Place all additional and future orders using ESCAT.
 4. When replacement resuscitation masks arrive, dispose of all old masks and stow EMT kits correctly per the [Emergency Medical Treatment Pack](#) and [Minor Fleet Vehicle EMT Pack](#) Recommended Practice.

Station Commander	A	B	C	D	Other

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