

# Why Is It Important to Put Dirty Gear in a Sealed Bag Outside of a Cab or Personal Vehicle?



Gear exposed to harmful fireground chemicals can continue to off-gas, putting firefighters at risk if kept in the cab of a vehicle. Placing the PPE in a **sealed bag or container separated from the firefighter** eliminates this exposure risk.

## PRO-TIP

Ensure a tight seal by twisting & taping.

# Why Should Firefighters Shower Within an Hour of Fire Response and Change Into a New Set of Clothes?

Toxic chemicals and carcinogens from a fire scene can cling to skin and clothes, which can put the firefighter at risk. It is important to **wash these particles off** the body with soap and water as **soon as possible** and change into a fresh set of clothes.

## PRO-TIP

Keep a fresh set of clothes on stand-by.



Learn more in the Lavender Ribbon Report at [www.nvfc.org/lrr](http://www.nvfc.org/lrr).

