



## Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 65

### Appliance Entry and Exit Procedures

#### Query and response:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide a copy of any current policies, standard operating procedures (SOPs), risk assessments, training guidance, or safe systems of work relating to how personnel are instructed to safely get into and out of fire appliances (fire trucks).

If full disclosure of the documents is not possible, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- Any extracts specifically relating to mounting and dismounting procedures;  
**Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) does teach how to safely mount and dismount a fire appliance during Basic Skills Acquisition (BSA), which is the first course all new Firefighters attend before being able to 'ride' a fire appliance (FOI 26 65 - 03. Squad Drills Appliance Familiarisation - Session Plan). This is delivered on the first day of the course, the session plan is attached.**
- Any relevant health and safety guidance provided to operational staff;  
**Please see the attached Risk Assessment (FOI 26 65 - RA 079.21 Use of DWFRS Vehicles).**
- The date of the most recent review of such procedures.  
**FOI 26 65 - 03. Squad Drills Appliance Familiarisation - Session Plan – Review Date (as indicated within the attachment) is recorded as being 26/03/2025**  
**FOI 26 65 - RA 079.21 Use of DWFRS Vehicles – Review Date (as indicated within the attachment) is recorded as being 14/02/2027**

If any of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, please specify the exemption relied upon and provide any information that can be released.

I would prefer to receive the information electronically.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 16, March 2026