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Request:

What high rise equipment does the LFB use, such as smoke curtains, High rise bags, PPVs? And what is the policies if so can these be provided?

Response:

I refer to your request for information, received on 19 June 2026, which has been processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

In response to your enquiry regarding equipment available for high-rise incidents, the London Fire Brigade currently carries smoke curtains on frontline appliances, as well as high-rise bags and Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV) fans. These resources may be deployed as appropriate at high-rise incidents.

With regard to policy, the London Fire Brigade no longer maintains a standalone High-Rise Firefighting Policy. Instead, operational procedures are guided by the National Operational Guidance (NOG) framework, supplemented by Brigade-specific Operational Information Notes relating to high-rise firefighting. Further information on National Operational Guidance is available at: <https://nfcc.org.uk/our-services/national-operational-guidance/>

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>