



When a coupling is found, determine the short lug from the long lug. Move toward the long lug and find your way out.

#### Operation – Skill Drill

Have one member of the shift lay out 150 ft. of 1 ¾ hand line. Lay the line out in a small area so the hose goes back on itself, around, over and under objects. Have the firefighters black out their SCBA masks either with paper towels or wax paper and begin the drill. Monitor air consumption and stress the importance of saving air. Spin the fighter around several times so as to become disoriented.

1. Have the firefighter call a mayday to alert command he is lost or separated from the company
2. Assist the firefighter to the floor so they can begin searching for the hose
3. Once the hose is located, follow the hose until a coupling is located
4. Determine the direction to proceed in by feeling the lugs on the coupling.
5. Work your way to the end of the female coupling and to safety.

#### A few final points

- It is imperative to call a mayday the moment you realize you are lost or disoriented **DO NOT WAIT**
- **NEVER** lose contact with the hose once you have found it
- While using long lug out, always check any couplings you encounter to ensure you are still going in the correct direction