



COMMON CAERvest QUESTIONS

1. What are the contra-indications of using a CAERvest?

The medical contra-indications can be found on the inside of the CAERvest packaging. For basic first aiders, it is important not to apply a CAERvest to a casualty who has suffered from a cold related illness.

2. Why do we place the silver packaging over the casualty once the vest is applied?

The silver packaging helps reflect the sunlight directly off the CAERvest.

3. What do we do with the CAERvest once the ambulance arrives?

The CAERvest should remain applied to the casualty for the entirety of the journey to hospital. However, if the ambulance crew decide to remove the CAERvest it should be placed in clinical waste.

4. Can the casualty suffer from ice burn?

CAERvest is designed to avoid skin burns when used as instructed. However, always keep a watch on the casualty's skin.

5. How long do we leave the CAERvest on the casualty for?

Leave the CAERvest applied to the casualty until the emergency services arrive.

6. Can you place the casualty into the recovery position with the CAERvest applied?

Keep the casualty on their back and maintain an airway. Placing a casualty into the recovery position may cause a disruption in the effective use of the CAERvest.

7. Why can't we tie the CAERvest to the casualty?

Tying the CAERvest to the casualty will create localised cooling at the point of tying, which will create uneven cooling.

8. Can we deliver CPR with a CAERvest applied to the casualty?

Yes. The heart on the front shows an area designed for chest compressions.

9. Can an AED be used with a CAERvest applied to the casualty?

If the chest is wet, dry the chest, apply the pads and continue to follow the instructions of the AED.

10. What if there is a leak from CAERvest?

Remove the damaged CAERvest and apply a working CAERvest.