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Thank you for your email of 27 October 2014 requesting the following information:

I would like to request information on the Survival Equipment fitted to / used on board the Boeing E3D Sentry Aircraft (AWACS) that are usually based at RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire. I would like to know what type and quantity of Escape Slides, Walk Around Oxygen Mask, Fire Fighting Masks, Aircrew Oxygen Masks, Headsets and other Safety / Survival Aids are carried for use on board each airframe and how often these are maintained or have scheduled maintenance carried out.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found attached.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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SENTRY AEW MK 1 – SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT

| Serial | Item | Description | Quantity per A/C | Summary of Scheduled Maintenance |
|--------|----------------------------|--|------------------|---|
| 1 | Escape Slides | Escape slides, with inflation systems. | 3 | Removed for Bay Maintenance every 9 months. One sub-component has a textile life of 7 years. |
| 2 | Walk Around Oxygen Mask | Mask and hose assemblies for use with portable oxygen. | 24 | Removed for Bay Maintenance every 6 months. |
| 3 | Fire Fighters Oxygen Mask | Consists of Face mask and hose assembly for use in a fire fighting role. | 6 | Removed for Bay Maintenance every 6 months. Textile life of 5 years. |
| 4 | Aircrew Oxygen Mask | Mask and hose assembly (Quick donning) | 13 | Removed for Bay Maintenance every 6 months. |
| 5 | Full Face Oxygen Mask | Full face quick don smoke protection/breathing equipment. | 6 | Inspect and clean stowage every 28 days. Examine and functionally test every 4 months including communication test. Remove for Bay Maintenance every 156 weeks. |
| 6 | Life raft | | 2 | 52 weeks overall, some elements have longer periodicity. |
| 7 | Passenger life preserver | | 17 | 60 weeks |
| 8 | Survival Suits | Quick don survival suits | 35 | Removed for Bay Maintenance every 364 days. |
| 9 | Life Vest | | 18 | 30 weeks |
| 10 | First aid kit | | 2 | Removed for Bay Maintenance at expiry date identified on the First Aid Kit or if used. |
| 11 | Portable fire extinguisher | | 10 | Pre-use checks to ensure configuration and to check pressure. |
| 12 | Drager Smoke Hood | | 14 | Pre-use checks for security. Post use checks for seal integrity.Scrap at 10 year life. |