

# How to Take a Combat Shower

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Shower shoes are a must.  
(Pros wear Crocs.)

Pick the least-nasty.

Step in.

Turn on water.

Rinse.

Turn off water to conserve.

Shampoo hair.

Turn water on to rinse then turn back off again.

Lather up, face last.

With eyes closed, grope for faucet.

Rinse.

Keep mouth shut the entire time or you'll get the shits.

Put back on the same clothes you wore to the shower.

Walk back.

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