

Walt Lawrence talks about what it feels like to be inside an iron lung

Walt: When I first got injured most people of long term injuries used an iron lung, which was primarily brought about by the polio epidemic. So I tried an iron lung for maybe two hours - and you're asking what that was like?

David: Yes.

Walt: Pretty confining. You know, you're in a big metal tube, with a seal around your neck and just your head out. Feels pretty restrictive. Feels not very normal. But it was amazing the people that had been using the iron lungs for years that was just a normal way of life. This is the way I breathe.