

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADES OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2004/09



Selection and wearing of Hazmat PPE

This Operations Bulletin must be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- NSWFB SOG 10.15 Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) Incidents and
- NSWFB Firefighters Training Manual Volume Two-Hazmat Section 5A Spillage Clothing Dressing Procedure

Both documents can be accessed by clicking on the following links to Station Portal on the Intranet Homepage:

http://quesu/tvdd/pdf/links/Haz_5.pdf

http://ois/ois_policies/documents/sog/043639A1-6368-475E-956E-E341049E7764.pdf

The NSWFB provides two levels of protection for firefighters working in PPE at hazardous materials incidents.

At an incident, the Incident Controller is to determine the most appropriate level of protection based upon a risk assessment on scene. Hazmat PPE is categorised as follows:

Level A: Fully encapsulated suit providing full respiratory and skin absorption protection

Level B: Splash suit providing splash protection (non- encapsulating)

There are currently two types of splash suits in service in the NSWFB. The differing suits are readily identifiable by their blue and orange colour. The blue respirex suit has an elastic edge around the hood whilst the orange MSA suit has a cord tie and Velcro flap to secure the hood.

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When donning the orange MSA suit, attention should be given to gathering the hood uniformly around the SCBA facemask and securing by means of tying the hood cord with a double bow knot. Additionally the Velcro pad *must* be aligned and secured firmly.

Care should be taken when donning Hazmat PPE. Another member must assist in correct dressing and checking at all times.

Personnel who are wearing Hazmat PPE must repeat this procedure following rehabilitation and prior to re-entry to the hot zone.

Noted, Station Commander	A	B	C	D	Other

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Previous Operations Bulletin: 2004/8 Incidents involving asbestos