
**Guidance on the selection, use, care and
maintenance of personal protective
equipment (PPE) designed to provide
protection for firefighters**

*Guidage sur la sélection, l'utilisation, le soin et l'entretien des
équipements de protection individuelle (PPE) conçus pour pourvoir à la
protection des pompiers*



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Foreword

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Introduction

The information in this Technical Report is designed to assist in making the necessary decisions regarding the selection, use, care and maintenance of personal protective equipment (PPE) for firefighters.

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1 Scope

This Technical Report sets out guidance for the selection, use, care and maintenance of PPE designed to provide protection for firefighters while carrying out their duties.

The PPE covered in this Technical Report is intended for firefighting personnel exposed to risks associated with, but not necessarily limited to, the following activities:

- structural firefighting;
- wildland firefighting;
- incidents involving hazardous materials;
- incidents involving motor vehicles;
- urban search and rescue;
- swift water rescue;
- emergency medical response;
- storm and flood recovery.

The purpose of this Technical Report is to highlight the main areas that an organization needs to consider when providing PPE to its members. Most paragraphs of the document contain bullet lists; these lists are provided for guidance only and they are not exhaustive.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1

personal protective equipment

PPE

equipment that can include, but is not limited to, clothing, gloves, helmets, footwear and face protection

2.2

hazard

substances, situations or events that can cause harm/injury