



California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

CAL FIRE



Personal Protective Equipment Inspection

SOURCES: CAL FIRE HB 1700; CAL FIRE IIPP PPE Plan;
CalOSHA CCR, Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, General Industry Safety Orders

The 2008 Focus on Safety is comprised of multiple components directly related to the day to day operations of our employees. From these components, the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inspection may very well be the most important. All employees must have a high level of confidence in the PPE they use on a day to day basis. PPE inspections should be conducted at regular intervals in order to ensure the highest level of protection possible. This component of the 2008 Focus on Safety is intended for employees to take a concentrated and thorough look at all PPE upon which our safety and well being depend.

Employee protection is designed around a three tiered approach. The preferred method of protection is through Engineering Controls which minimize or eliminate hazards by such actions as repairing, replacing, or redesigning. For example, a tripping hazard in the parking lot can be eliminated by repairing the parking lot or isolating the area from employees. The next tier for protection would involve Work Practice Controls such as providing an alternative route around the tripping hazard until it is repaired and communicating the hazard to all employees. The third and last tier of employee protection is that of PPE. Employees, who must work around the tripping hazard and be exposed to its potential hazards, need to wear appropriate PPE to prevent injury should they trip over the hazard. Keep in mind, no article of PPE can fully protect an employee who does not first rely on such things as education, training, common sense, and situational awareness.

The attached PPE Inspection Checklist is meant to be a guiding document for all employees to utilize in evaluating the various components of their PPE. It is not necessarily a complete list of what to look at or for but provides a prompt for those key areas which should be evaluated. Some Units and Programs may have specialized PPE not included on the list such as HAZMAT, Technical Rescue, or other specialized PPE. Those Units and Programs are encouraged to build upon this checklist so that it encompasses all applicable PPE being utilized by employees.

The daily inspection of PPE is the responsibility of every employee. Most manufacturers of PPE provide Selection, Care, and Maintenance Programs (SCAM) for their products. Employees should become very familiar with how to inspect, care, and maintain their assigned PPE based upon those manufacturers programs. The real potential exists for employees to damage their PPE if care and maintenance is performed inappropriately or incorrectly. Similarly, employees must only wear and utilize their PPE for its designed and intended purposes.



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

EMPLOYEE NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ASSIGNMENT: _____

INSPECTED BY: _____

COMPONENT	SUB-COMPONENT	INSPECTION POINTS	PASS	FAIL	COMMENTS
STRUCTURAL PPE					
HELMET <u>Brand Name:</u> <u>Model Number:</u>	SHELL	Melting, Bubbling, Dents, Cracks, etc.			
	GOGGLES/SHIELD	Visibility, Cracks, Warping, Attachment, etc.			
	SUSPENSION	Fit, Missing parts, Cracks, Tears, Installation, etc.			
	SHROUD	Proper installation, Burns, Tears, etc.			
	CHIN STRAP	Proper installation, Slides, Closures, etc.			
	LABELING	Manufacturer label, NFPA compliance, etc.			
	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy (i.e. name, rocker, magnets, etc.)			
HOOD <u>Brand Name:</u> <u>Model Number:</u>	HOOD	Burns, Tears, Elasticity, Seams, Fit, etc.			
	LABELING	Manufacturer label, NFPA compliance, etc.			
COAT <u>Brand Name:</u> <u>Model Number:</u>	OUTER SHELL	Closures, Pockets, Seams, Burns, Tears, etc.			
	MOISTURE BARRIER	Delamination, Seams, Tears, Attachment, etc.			
	THERMAL LINER	Delamination, Seams, Tears, Attachment, etc.			
	WRISTLETS	Elasticity, Seams, Tears, Shrinkage, etc.			
	LABELING	Manufacturer label, NFPA compliance, etc.			
LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy (i.e. name, shoulder patches, etc.)				
PANT <u>Brand Name:</u> <u>Model Number:</u>	OUTER SHELL	Closures, Pockets, Seams, Burns, Tears, etc.			
	MOISTURE BARRIER	Delamination, Seams, Tears, Attachment, etc.			
	THERMAL LINER	Delamination, Seams, Tears, Attachment, etc.			
	SUSPENDERS	Elasticity, Tears, Fastening System, Fit, etc.			
	LABELING	Manufacturer label, NFPA compliance, etc.			
	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy			

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COMPONENT	SUB-COMPONENT	INSPECTION POINTS	PASS	FAIL	COMMENTS	
STRUCTURAL PPE (cont.)						
GLOVES <u>Brand Name:</u>	GLOVE	Tears, Burns, Holes, Seams, Flexibility, Liner, etc				
	<u>Model Number:</u>	LABELING	Manufacturer label, NFPA compliance, etc.			
BOOTS <u>Brand Name:</u>	BOOTS	Fit, Tears, Punctures, Waterproof, Steel Toe, etc.				
	<u>Model Number:</u>	LABELING	Manufacturer label, NFPA compliance, etc.			
WILDLAND PPE						
HELMET <u>Brand Name:</u>	SHELL	Melting, Bubbling, Dents, Cracks, etc.				
	GOGGLES	Visibility, Cracks, Warping, Attachment, etc.				
	SUSPENSION	Fit, Missing parts, Cracks, Tears, Installation, etc.				
	SHROUD	Proper installation, Fit, Closure, Burns, Tears, etc.				
	<u>Model Number:</u>	CHIN STRAP	Proper installation, Slides, Closures, etc.			
		LABELING	Manufacturer label, NFPA compliance, etc.			
		LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy (i.e. name, rocker, magnets, etc.)			
NOMEX SHIRT <u>Brand Name:</u>	SHIRT	Tears, Burns, Seams, Pockets, Closures, Fit, etc.				
	SLEEVE LINER	Tears, Burns, Seams, etc.				
	<u>Model Number:</u>	LABELING	Manufacturer label			
	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy (i.e. name, markings, etc.)				
NOMEX PANT <u>Brand Name:</u>	PANT	Tears, Burns, Seams, Pockets, Closures, Fit, etc.				
	<u>Model Number:</u>	LABELING	Manufacturer label			
	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy (i.e. name, markings, etc.)				

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WILDLAND PPE (cont.)					
GLOVES <u>Brand Name:</u>	GLOVE	Tears, Burns, Holes, Seams, Flexibility, Liner, etc			
<u>Model Number:</u>	LABELING	Manufacturer label			
BOOTS <u>Brand Name:</u>	BOOTS	Fit, Tears, Leather, Steel Toe, Lug soles, etc.			
<u>Model Number:</u>	LABELING	Manufacturer label			
FIRE SHELTER <u>Brand Name:</u>	FIRE SHELTER	Size, Cracks, Deposits, Case, Liner, etc.			
<u>Model Number:</u>	LABELING / SELECTION	Manufacturer label			
WEB GEAR <u>Brand Name:</u>	WEB GEAR	General condition, Fit, etc.			
<u>Model Number:</u>	CANTEENS	Half gallon minimum, General condition, etc.			
HEADLAMP <u>Brand Name:</u>	Headlamp	General condition, Wiring, Attachment, Power, etc.			
<u>Model Number:</u>					

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MISCELLANEOUS PPE / ACCESSORIES					
SCBA <u>Brand Name:</u>	MASK	Fit, Lens clarity, Spider Straps, Exhalation valve, etc.			
	<u>Model Number:</u>	SCBA	Harness, Bottle, PASS, Gauges, Cleanliness, etc.		
EMS PACK <u>Brand Name:</u>	HEPA MASK	Fit, Tears, Holes, Strap elasticity, Rating, etc.			
	POCKET MASK	Seal, Damage, One-way valve, Case, etc.			
	<u>Model Number:</u>	ISOLATION GOWN	Fit, Tears, Holes, Closures, Rating, etc.		
	MEDICAL GLOVES	Fit, Tears, Holes, Latex allergies?, etc.			
	EYE PROTECTION	Fit, Lens clarity, ANSI certified, Non-vented, etc.			
	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy			
HEARING <u>Brand Name:</u>	EAR PLUGS	General condition, Fit, Rating, etc.			
	<u>Model Number:</u>	EAR MUFFS	General condition, Fit, Rating, etc.		
	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy			
BEE VEIL <u>Brand Name:</u>	BEE VEIL	Holes, Tears, Closures, Fit, Rating, etc.			
	<u>Model Number:</u>	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Local Unit policy		
<u>Brand Name:</u>					
<u>Model Number:</u>					