

OFFICIAL USER INFORMATION GUIDE



DANGER

- Do not use your Liquid-Splash Protective Footwear until you have read and understood all labels and this Official User Information Guide.
- Only the end user shall separate this guide from the footwear. Remove guide from the footwear prior to using the footwear for emergency operations.

**LIQUID SPLASH PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR
FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCIES**

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Read this guide and all labels before using your hazardous materials liquid-splash protective ensemble. Review this guide on a regular basis.

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THE OFFICIAL USER INFORMATION GUIDE FOR LIQUID SPLASH PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR

Introduction

Do not use your hazardous materials liquid splash-protective clothing or equipment until you have been thoroughly trained by your fire department, hazardous materials team or employer in hazardous materials emergency response procedures, safety procedures and the proper use of your protective clothing and equipment.

Responding to hazardous materials emergencies is an ultrahazardous, unavoidably dangerous activity. To reduce your risk of death, chemical exposure, injuries, burns, diseases and illnesses, you must carefully read and strictly follow this entire Official User Information Guide and all labels on your protective clothing and equipment.

When engaging in emergency operations, you are constantly at risk of death, chemical exposure, injuries, burns, diseases, and illnesses. There is no such thing as a "routine" or "ordinary" emergency operation. While use of safety equipment such as protective clothing can reduce your risk of death, chemical exposure, injuries, burns, diseases and illnesses, it will not make emergency operations completely safe. Even with the use of your protective clothing and equipment emergency operations will be unavoidably dangerous.

How To Reduce Your Risk

You can reduce—but not eliminate—your risk of death, chemical exposure, injuries, burns, diseases and illnesses through the following:

- (a) Proper training and constant practice in hazardous materials response tactics and safety;
- (b) Proper selection, maintenance and use of safety equipment;
- (c) Exercising extreme caution at all times. Your protective clothing and equipment will not make you completely safe from death, chemical exposure, injuries, burns, diseases and illnesses.
- (d) A thorough knowledge of the design, per-

formance and use limitations of NFPA 1500, NFPA 472, NFPA 1992, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132 and 1910.120. You must be knowledgeable of the content of these publications.

Training By Your Department Or Employer

This Guide will not discuss response tactics and safety procedures. Proper training and constant practice in response tactics and safety procedures must be provided by your department, team, or employer consistent with its knowledge and basic approach to emergency operations.

Your department or employer is in the best position to know and respond to the dangers presented by any emergency operation. Accordingly, the type of safety equipment (including protective ensemble) to be used and how it is used must be decided by your department or employer at each and every scene or hazardous materials response.

This Guide will tell you how to maintain and wear elements of your protective ensemble. It will also tell you about the limitations of protection given by your protective ensemble. No protective ensemble or any other safety equipment will protect you from all chemical exposures, injuries, burns, diseases, conditions or hazards.

To reduce—but not eliminate—your risk of death, chemical exposure, injuries, burns, diseases and illnesses, you must carefully read, fully understand and strictly follow this entire Guide and all labels on your protective ensemble, the NFPA standards and OSHA regulations. All of the information contained in this Guide and on the labels in your protective ensemble deals directly with your life and safety.

But remember: even with the best protective ensemble, safety procedures and training, during hazardous material emergency response, you are constantly at risk of death, chemical exposure, injuries, burns, diseases, and illnesses.