

Compliance Directive

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Subject: Fire Department

Purpose:

This list is a guide only. It is not a complete list of all items, but includes the “key” items to comply with the Bureau of Labor Standards inspection criteria. This list is based on MRSA Title 26 and the adopted OSHA standards located in 29 CFR 1910 and Code of Maine Rule (CMR) You should refer to these standards for a more detailed description.

Written Programs	Standard	Y	N	N/A
Respiratory protection program	1910.134(c)			
Confined space *	1910.146(c)			
Hazard communications	1910.1200(e)			
Blood borne pathogens/exposure control plan	1910.1030(c)			
Lockout/tag out* (in-house maintenance on vehicles)	1910.147(c)			
Hazard assessment for personal protective equipment	1910.132(d)			
Emergency action plan for the facility	1910.38(b)			
Diving operations manual *	12 -179 CMR			
Required Training	Standard	Y	N	N/A
Hazard communications (initial)	1910.1200(h)			
Confined space (initial) *	1910.146(g)			
Confined space simulated rescues (annual) *	1910.146(k)			
Lockout/tag out (initial) *	1910.147(c)			
Emergency action plan (initial)	1910.38(f)			
Haz-Mat (initial and annual)–per level of response	1910.120(q)			
Blood borne pathogens (initial and annual)	1910.1030(g)			
Fire extinguisher (initial and annual)	1910.157(g)			
Personal protective equipment (initial)	T26 Ch.28 §2102 1 B			
Respiratory protection (initial and annual)	1910.134(k)			
Traffic control at emergency scenes (initial)	T.26 Ch.28 §2102 1 E			
Diving operations* (initial)	12-179 CMR Ch. 5			
Training commensurate with duties– i.e. Structural, chainsaw, apparatus driver, etc. (initial)*	T.26 Ch.28 §2102 1 E			

Equipment Inspections	Standard	Y	N	N/A
Fire extinguishers (monthly)	1910.157(e)			
Fire extinguishers (annual maintenance check)	1910.157(e)			
Hose testing (annual)	T26 Ch.6 §561			
Class "A" fire pump service test (annual)	T26 Ch.6 §561			
Life safety ropes, harness and hardware per mfg.	T26 Ch.28 §2103 9			
Ladders—ground (annual)	T26 Ch.6 §561			
Ladders—aerial per Mfg. specifications	T26 Ch.6 §561			
SCBA (call & volunteer: monthly) (full time: weekly)	T26 Ch.28 §2105 1			
Air compressor relief valve (per mfg.)	1910.169(b)			
Turnout gear – (annual per mfg.)	T26 Ch.6 §561			
Breath air compressor – maintenance per mfg.	1910.134(i)			
Diving operations (equipment inspections)	12-179 CMR Ch. 5			
Records Maintained	Standard	Y	N	N/A
SCBA – weekly/monthly inspections	T26 Ch.28 §2105 1			
SCBA – flow test date (per mfg. specs)	T26 Ch.28 §2104.3			
Respirator medical clearances	1910.134(m)			
Respirator fit test (specific per mask type)	1910.134(m)			
Cylinder hydro-static test (SCBA and cascade)	T26 Ch.28 §2104 3			
Individual training/education records	T26 Ch.28 §2102 2			
Grade "D" breathing air certificate	1910.134(i)			
Blood borne pathogens (shot series/waiver)	1910.1030(h)			
Pump service test (mfg. specs)	T26 Ch.6 §561			
Hose Test (annual)	T26 Ch.6 §561			
Ladder inspections (ground and aerial)	T26 Ch.6 §561			
Fire extinguisher inspections (monthly and annual)	1910.157(e)			
Personal protective equipment inspections	T26 Ch.6 §561			
OSHA 300 injury/illness log	12-179 CMR Ch.6			
Dive records and medical clearance (5yr retention)	12-179 CMR Ch. 5			
Individual training records	T.26 Ch.28 2102			
Facility Inspection	Standard	Y	N	N/A
Electrical outlets/switches—cover plates installed	1910.305(b)			
GFCI receptacles in wet locations and operable	1910.304(b)			
Extension cords—temporary use only	1910.305(a)			
Power strips – (not piggybacked)	1910.305(g)			
Electrical ground pins in place	1910.334			
Electrical branch circuits labeled	1910.303(f)			
Electrical box knockout covers in place	1910.305(b)			
Wiring supported and protected from damage	1910.305(a)			
Stairs, treads, railings—safe condition	1910.24			
Fixed ladders—safe condition	1910.25 & 26			
Floor loading protection (overhead storage)	1910.22(d)			
Furnace and boiler room storage and housekeeping	1910.22(a)			
Exits unlocked and useable	1910.36(d)			
Exit signs proper and in place	1910.37(b)			
Exit and exit ways: clear of snow and ice	1910.36(h)			
Exit routes are unobstructed	1910.37(a)			
Emergency and exit lights,alarms,fire doors operational	1910.37(a)			

Facility Inspection - continued	Standard	Y	N	N/A
Machine guarding of moving parts	1910.212(a)			
Eye wash stations (unobstructed and operational)	1910.151(c)			
Flammable / combustible storage	1910.106(d)			
Housekeeping and sanitation	1910.22(a)			

* If applicable

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association

CMR– Code of Maine Rule



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Purpose: This directive sets the inspection procedure for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) inspections for volunteer, on-call and full-time fire departments pursuant to 26 M.R.S. § 2105.

Statutory Background: 26 M.R.S. §2105. Inspection procedure

The Bureau of Labor Standards shall adopt an inspection procedure for self-contained breathing apparatus. The procedure must include at least the following, as specified in the manufacturer's operation manual:

1. All components, air supply devices, personal alert safety system devices and warning devices. A complete inspection of all components, air supply devices, personal alert safety system devices and warning devices to be performed after each use and:
 - A. For volunteer associations and on-call fire departments, every month; and
 - B. For full-time fire departments, every week;
2. Facepiece. Cleansing and sanitizing the facepiece after each use; and
3. Record. A record of the date of each inspection and findings for each self-contained breathing apparatus.

Inspection Procedure:

Consistent with § 2105, volunteer and on-call fire departments must perform inspections at least monthly. Full-time fire departments must perform inspections at least weekly.

The Bureau interprets a full-time fire department as any fire department that is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of the number of employees per shift.

All fire departments, regardless of designation, **must** inspect each SCBA after each use.

For any additional questions, contact the Bureau of Labor Standards at (207) 623-7900 or toll free 1-877-723-3345.