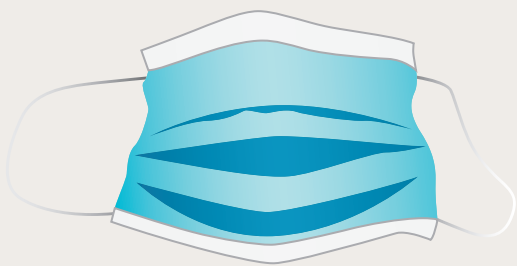


RESPIRATORY PROTECTION IN THE NSW RFS

The NSW RFS provides three different types of Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) to ensure that protection is always available for the task at hand.

No matter which RPE is being worn, it's important to remember:

- The best protection is always avoidance. Stay out of smoke as much as practicable.
- The right RPE should be worn for the particular hazard, and should not be worn outside of its intended limits.
- RPE must be worn and used in accordance with the relative training material. This includes donning/doffing, conducting fit checks and maintenance.

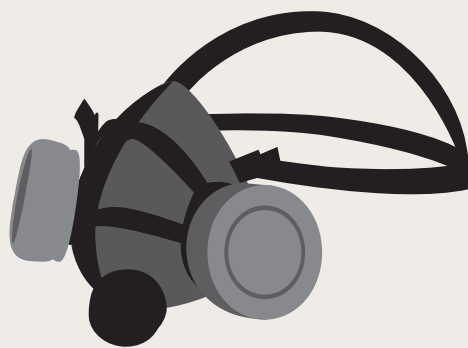


Surgical masks or other cloth face covering

- Suitable as a barrier protection for splashes
- Not suitable for protection from any kind of firefighting

Disposable P2 Respirators

- Provides protection from particulates such as in bush fire smoke or dust
- To be used for:
 - Light bush fire smoke
 - Dust
 - Decontamination and cleaning of equipment
 - First Aid



Reusable Respirators

- When fitted with ABEK P3 canisters, provides protection from both fine particulates and organic gases and vapours
- To be used for:
 - Medium to heavy bush fire smoke
 - Light, external structural smoke

CABA

- Provides protection from all types of respiratory hazards including elevated air temperature and carbon monoxide
- Only to be used by trained personnel
- To be used for:
 - Any type of structural or car fire
 - Overhaul
 - Any time respiratory hazards may exceed the limits of a reusable respirator

