

Firefighter Health & Safety

Maintain Your Equipment!



A **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)** must be inspected, maintained, and stored properly to ensure it is in proper working order and can be safely used. **Please follow the manufacturer's recommendations on proper maintenance of equipment.**

INSPECTION

- Required to ensure equipment is properly operating and ready for use.
- Inspect all SCBA and spare cylinders after each use.
- Full operational inspections must be done at least monthly and before each use and documented.

MAINTENANCE

- Clean/disinfect after each use.
- Only use designated cleaning/sanitizing solutions for respiratory equipment.
- Hydrostatically test within the period specified by the manufacturer and applicable government agency.
- Flow test regulators annually.

STORAGE

- Protect units from direct sunlight, dust, severe temperature changes, excessive moisture, fumes, and damaging chemicals.
- Store masks in bags to protect rubber or elastomeric components from damage or distortion.

Federal and State recommendations can be cited and regulated. All New Jersey Fire Departments, Fire Training Academies, and firefighters must adhere to the following respiratory protection standards:

N.J.A.C 12:100-10.16(a)

nj.gov/health/workplacehealthandsafety/documents/peosh/ff_standards.pdf

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134

osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.134



Please use the available **Model Fire Department Written Respiratory Protection Program** that has been developed to assist fire departments in complying with these standards.

For more information and resources:
linktr.ee/NJDOHRespiratoryStandards

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