

REDMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

SAFETY - 009

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PROTECTIVE HOOD REHAB EXCHANGE

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Purpose: To establish and maintain a protective hood rehab exchange program.

Procedure: Protective hoods become contaminated during fireground activities, and wearing a contaminated protective hood exposes the firefighter to unnecessary carcinogens and products of combustion. Rehab protective hoods are red in color to distinguish them from personal protective hoods. All personnel will exchange their protective hood when used in an IDLH environment for a fresh hood during all bottle exchanges or before leaving rehab at emergency scenes.

A cache of rehab hoods will be stored on Battalion and MSO apparatus for use at emergency scenes. Additionally, a small cache of standard replacement protective hoods will be stored on all suppression apparatus for use during responses into jurisdictions that do not have a rehab protective hood exchange program.

When personnel enter rehab, they will discard their personal (well labeled) protective hood into a provided plastic bag and take a fresh rehab hood. A clean protective rehab hood will be acquired during each bottle exchange and/or rehab visit.

Before each unit departs the scene, they shall retrieve their personal protective hoods to be laundered with their bunker gear. Rehab hoods shall be returned to rehab before leaving the scene; any rehab hoods used shall be bagged separately for cleaning before returning to use. The MSO or BC will be responsible to ensure the rehab hoods are laundered, dried, and returned to their apparatus for future use.

Note: Each suppression apparatus has a loaner cache of hoods and bunker gloves. These items are not for rehab purposes (unless outside of jurisdiction); they are instead for emergency loan or replacement of primary response PPE.

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