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# PURCHASING AND WEARING FR FACE PROTECTION



## Staying Aware

Line workers and other industries whose employees wear flame-resistant PPE are quickly developing new requirements in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. Many utilities are now requiring, or strongly recommending, that their staff wear FR facial protection when working as part of an effective social distancing program.



### 1 TRUSTED BRAND

Choose facial PPE that is made by a known and trusted brand. It is important to trust the supplier of your safety products.

### 2 FABRIC TYPE

Know what fabric is being used to construct the PPE (including trim items such as the strap fabric for face masks).



### 3 PRODUCT COMFORT

Make sure to select a product that fits you properly and is not restrictive to breathe through. This will also help with heat reduction.



## PURCHASING TIPS

- ! Be aware of potential secondary exposure risk to harmful FR fabric-finishing chemicals.

## GUIDELINES TO USING FR FACIAL PROTECTION

- ☑ Inherent FR fabrics may be safer to breathe through than treated FR products. This is because treated FR products often have trace amounts of residual chemistry on the PPE when new.
- ☑ Wash your facial PPE often-to-daily to remove any airborne contaminants. If possible, keep extra pieces of facial protection on hand for when you are unable to wash the item.

- ☑ While both knit and woven facial PPE options are available, fabrics with stretch may offer better fit and comfort. PPE that is difficult to breathe through may also contribute to heat stress and worker fatigue.
- ☑ Facial PPE that provides proper coverage around your nose and face will improve its performance in blocking airborne virus that can be expelled from an infected person from talking, coughing, or sneezing. There are a percentage of people with COVID-19 who do not show symptoms of the disease, which is why wearing facial PPE on jobsites is a best practice.
- ☑ Properly caring for your PPE helps it last longer and ensures cleanliness. Launder your PPE facial protection according to the care instructions found on the label or the manufacturer's website.