

WAC 296-305-02002 Structural firefighting clothing (SFF). (1)

All SFF clothing purchased after January 1, 2014, must meet the requirements of the 1991 edition of NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting, or the 1997 edition of NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting. Firefighters must not wear personal protective clothing manufactured prior to 1991, except for training purposes in nonhazardous areas.

(2) SFF clothing must be maintained as specified by the manufacturer.

(3) Repairs to SFF clothing must be done to the manufacturer's specification by qualified individuals approved by the manufacturer. Repairs must be made using materials and methods in accordance with the applicable standards under which the article was produced. Repairs include any and all alterations, modifications, additions, deletions or any other change made to the manufacturer's PPE article.

(4) SFF clothing which is damaged or doesn't comply with this section must not be used.

(5) All SFF clothing must be inspected semiannually by an individual qualified by the employer. Inspection intervals must not exceed six months.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 18-22-116, § 296-305-02002, filed 11/6/18, effective 12/7/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060 and 29 C.F.R. 1910.156, Fire brigades. WSR 13-05-070, § 296-305-02002, filed 2/19/13, effective 1/1/14.]