

**WAC 296-811-40015 Self-contained breathing apparatus' (SCBAs).**

(1) Provide SCBAs, other than escape self-contained breathing apparatus' (ESCBAs), and make sure they are used by each fire brigade member who does interior structural firefighting.

(2) Make sure SCBAs do the following:

(a) Meet the requirements found in chapter 296-842 WAC, Respirators.

(b) Are positive-pressure or pressure-demand type.

(c) Use only compressed-air cylinders that meet department of transportation (DOT) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) requirements.

(d) Have a service life of at least thirty minutes, as required by 42 C.F.R., Part 84.

(e) Have an automatic alarm that can be heard when seventy-five to eighty percent of its service life has been used up.

**Note:** An SCBA can have a quick-disconnect valve or "buddy breathing" accessory **only if** the valve or accessory **does not** do any of the following:

1. Damage the SCBA.
2. Restrict the SCBA's air flow.
3. Interfere with the SCBA's normal operation.
4. The "buddy breathing" accessory or quick-disconnect valve need not be certified by NIOSH.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 17-18-075, § 296-811-40015, filed 9/5/17, effective 10/6/17; WSR 09-15-145, § 296-811-40015, filed 7/21/09, effective 9/1/09; WSR 06-01-073, § 296-811-40015, filed 12/20/05, effective 3/1/06.]