



# 11.11 Management of Jewellery and Body Hair SOP

## Section 1 - Purpose and Objectives

- (1) To provide direction on wearing jewellery and other accessories to ensure the safety of CFA members conducting operational activities whilst wearing Personal Protective Clothing (PPC).
- (2) To provide guidance on the management of body hair to ensure the safety of CFA members conducting operational activities whilst wearing Protective Equipment (PE).

## Section 2 - Scope

- (3) This procedure applies to all CFA members undertaking operational activities wearing Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) and Protective Equipment (PE).

## Section 3 - Procedure

### Wearing Jewellery and Other Accessories

- (4) CFA members are responsible for removing or appropriately covering/securing jewellery and other accessories that:
  - a. Creates a risk of injury to CFA members conducting operational activities (refer to Safety Note below).
  - b. Impedes the performance and effectiveness of Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) or Protective Equipment (PE), including the seal of a facemask or breathing apparatus under [AS/NZS 1715:2009 - Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment](#).

### Maintenance of Body Hair

- (5) Where members operate Protective Equipment (PE) body hair shall be managed in accordance with [AS/NZS 1715:2009 - Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment](#):
  - a. Members with facial hair or long hair cannot expect to achieve complete respiratory protection when wearing Protective Equipment (PE) (e.g. breathing apparatus), especially where the hair interferes with the sealing surface of the Protective Equipment (PE).
  - b. CFA members competent in the use of or who are likely to require the use of Protective Equipment (PE) shall maintain facial hair to optimise the performance and respiratory protection of the member.
  - c. In the management of long hair, members are to ensure it is styled in a way that avoids reducing the helmet fit or performance. Ensure any exposed hair is tucked inside the hood of Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) or Protective Equipment (PE).

## **Safety Note**

(6) Potential injury may occur from exposed or loose hair, dangling jewellery and other accessories during operational activities by heightening the exposure to heat and the potential for the item to catch, snag, entangle or burn.

(7) Jewellery, other accessories or body hair that impedes the performance of Protective Equipment (PE) can increase the potential for exposure in a toxic environment.

## **Environmental Note**

(8) Nil.

## **Section 4 - Definitions**

(9) Commonly defined terms are located in the CFA [centralised glossary](#).

(10) Jewellery: includes but is not limited to earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets and body piercings.

## **Section 5 - Related Documents**

[Standing Order 11.00 Health and Safety](#)

[AS/NZS 1715:2009 - Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment](#)

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## Glossary Terms and Definitions

**"CFA member"** - Refers to all CFA volunteers, volunteer auxiliary workers, officers, employees and secondees.

**"Personal Protective Clothing (PPC)"** - Includes clothing used to provide protection to CFA members from the risks associated with performing a specific operational task for which they are competent and endorsed

**"Protective Equipment (PE)"** - An object that is utilised during the execution of CFA operational activities and training, which includes breathing apparatus, gas suits, gas monitoring equipment, oxygen resuscitation equipment, safety harnesses and all technical rescue equipment.

**"Breathing Apparatus"** - Within CFA, the acronyms CABA and BA are used interchangeably when referring to compressed air breathing apparatus sets and procedures. The term BA (for breathing apparatus) is more commonly used. BA is also referred to as self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). BA is used to provide breathable air for respiratory protection in an immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) atmosphere; environments that contain a combination of high temperatures, oxygen deficiency, toxic substances, smoke concentration, dust, heat radiation and/or burning embers.

**"Facemask"** - A protective covering (e.g. breathing apparatus, P2 mask or similar) for the mouth or face.