

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## Standard Operating Procedures

### 40.03.13 HEAD PROTECTION



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**Purpose:** To ensure proper maintenance and usage of helmets.

**References:** WAC 296-305-02004 (6)

#### **Procedure:**

1. Spokane County Fire District 8 will provide helmets that meet the requirements of NFPA 1972, 1987 or current edition to members who engage in, or are exposed to, the hazards of structural firefighting.
2. Spokane Fire District 8 personnel may wear a traditional style helmet that meets all NFPA requirements. If the member chooses this option they will need to purchase their own helmet. The District will not purchase traditional style helmets. The purchased helmets color and helmet shield must be approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.
3. Helmets shall be provided with face shields or goggles.
  - a) Helmet accessories shall not interfere with the function of the helmet or its components/ parts and shall not degrade the helmets performance.
  - b) Helmets shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. No modifications shall be made without prior written approval from the manufacturer.
  - c) Fire District 8 shall follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding cleaning, painting, marking, storage, and frequency and details of inspection.
4. Responsibility.
  - a) Members shall be responsible for the routine inspection and cleaning of helmets.
  - b) Support Services shall be responsible for the inspection, repair and replacement of helmets.