

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## Standard Operating Procedures

### 40.03.12 HAND PROTECTION



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**Purpose:** To ensure gloves are used for hand protection.

**References:** WAC 296-305-02004(3)

**Procedure:**

1. Spokane County Fire District 8 will provide hand protection for members engaged in emergency response activities including firefighting or rescue.
2. Member's gloves used during structural firefighting operations including rescue of victims from fires and emergency medical operations where sharp or rough surfaces are likely to be encountered such as victim extrications, shall meet the requirements of 1991 Edition of NFPA 1971 or 1997 Standard On Protective Clothing Gloves for Structural Fire Fighting 1973, 1993 Edition.
3. Fire District 8 shall establish and follow guidelines for the care, use, cleaning, selection, maintenance replacement, and retirement criteria set forth by the manufacturer.
4. It shall be the responsibility of every member to use and wear the appropriate gloves provided.
5. Responsibility.
  - a) Support Services shall be responsible for the purchase of gloves and ensuring that manufacturers provide complete inspection criteria for the gloves provided.
  - b) Support Services is responsible for ensuring the inspection, repair, retirement and replacement of gloves following the manufacturer's recommendations.
  - c) Members are responsible for selecting the appropriate level of hand protection consistent with the risk or hazards provided.
6. Guidelines.
  - a) Structural firefighting gloves are intended to provide limited thermal physical protection to the hands and wrists.
    - i. Gloves should not be kept in direct contact with flame or molten metal. Structural gloves are not intended to provide protection for proximity fire entry applications nor from radiological or chemical hazards.

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- b) When inspecting gloves, check for loss of elasticity/flexibility, seam integrity and liner pullout stitching worn or disintegrated, glove insulation worn through, holes or splitting, and worn Velcro if applicable.
- c) Care for any glove should follow the manufacturer's recommendations.