



FIRE & EMS MESSAGE



NEW NIOSH FACT SHEETS ON SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS USE

The [NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program \(FFFIPP\)](#) created a series of fact sheets for firefighters to learn about best practices for SCBA use.

The fact sheets highlight three themes: 1) understanding health risks and ensuring readiness, 2) securing and removing an SCBA from service, and 3) notifying NIOSH of SCBA failures or issues. Fire departments can use the information from these fact sheets to develop standard operating procedures/guidelines to support firefighter safety and health:

- [Safe Use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus \(SCBA\) for Firefighters](#)
- [Securing an SCBA after Adverse Conditions, Serious Injury, or Line-of-Duty Death](#)
- [Notifying NIOSH of SCBA Failure or Reduced Performance as a Standard Operating Procedure](#)

The MSI has updated the Fire Department Model Respiratory Protection Program to reflect NIOSH recommendations. The updated policy is available on [MSI Fire & EMS](#), under the Model Policies.