

FIRE FIGHTERS GUIDANCE NOTE # 4-5

ISSUE: PROTECTIVE HOODS

Protective hoods when used in fire fighting duties must meet the requirements set out in NFPA 1971 – 2000 edition (Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting).

The purpose of the helmet liner and protective hood ensemble is to protect a fire fighter's head, face, and neck from heat and flame not otherwise protected by the protective coat, helmet, or self-contained breathing apparatus face-piece.

Protective hoods should be worn when a fire fighter's coat, helmet and self-contained breathing apparatus face-piece does not provide protection from heat and flame.

Protective hoods do not eliminate the requirement for helmet liners.