

## Levels of Personal Protective Equipment

Level	Protection Provided	Equipment	Conditions of Use
<b>A</b>	The highest available level of respiratory, skin and eye protection.	A fully encapsulating and vapour-proof suit with full self-contained breathing apparatus	Should be used when there is a high concentration of atmospheric vapours, gases, or particulates or when the spilled substance poses a great hazard to the lungs, skin and eyes.
<b>B</b>	Provides the same level of respiratory protection as Level A, but provides less skin protection.	Includes a non-encapsulating, disposable chemical suit, SCBA, gloves, and boots.	May be used when a high level of respiratory protection is required, but less skin protection, and is the minimum level recommended for initial site entries until all hazards are known.
<b>C</b>	Provides the same level of skin protection as Level B, but provides a lower level of respiratory protection.	Includes a disposable chemical suit, an air-purifying respirator, gloves and boots.	May be used when the atmosphere does not require a portable breathing system and can be filtered out.
<b>D</b>	Does not include any respiratory protection and provides minimal skin protection.	Includes coveralls, hard hat, steel-toed boots, eye protection and gloves.	Rarely recommended in any emergency response activities and may only be used when the atmosphere contains no known hazard and when there is no potential for any contact with any hazardous material!