



The Indiana Fire Alliance

Indiana Fire Chiefs Association • Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana
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The Indiana State Fire Marshal

Recommend best practices for PFAS

(Both Paid and Volunteer Firefighters)

- Continue to use the State Fire Marshal's Foam Collection Program (Minimizing exposure to Class B firefighting foam will have a big impact on the health of firefighters across Indiana.)
- Develop flammable and combustible fire operations training that does not include AFFF pfas foam. (risk benefit operational training)
- Limit wearing firefighting turnout gear as much as possible.
- Wash turnout gear, keep your turn out gear clean as possible.
- Wash and shower at the firehouse before returning home and exposing your family.
- Change to clean work uniform and clothing after wearing fire gear. Wash uniform and clothing at the firehouse.
- Demonstration gear, without PFAS, should be used for public education. Fire gear should not be taken into the childcare environment.
- PFAS is in latex gloves, first responders should use powderless nitrile gloves instead.
- Replace firefighting gloves with PFAS free gloves

International Association of Fire Fighters Recommendations

- Turnout gear should NOT be taken into firehouse living areas.
- When transporting gear in personal vehicles, it should be in a sealed container or bag, and preferably NOT transported in the passenger compartment.
- Apparatus cabs should be cleaned regularly and after every fire.
- Wash your hands after handling turnout gear.
- Legacy turnout gear should be replaced as new PFAS-free technologies become available.
- Do not wear turnout gear on responses where this level of protection is not necessary



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