

NFPA 70E PPE Best Practices



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What's new in 2024 and Core Principles of the Standard



Our Agenda

Understanding the Hazards

2024 Edition Key Updates

Risk Assessments the Why

Comprehensive NFPA 70E
Program

Difference Non-FR vs FR

Proper PPE and Options

Care, Maintenance, & Proper
Use

Best Practices

Conclusions & Next Steps

Questions




Respecting and Understanding the Hazards

Arc Flash Hazard:

A dangerous condition associated with the possible **release** of energy caused by an electric arc.

Shock Hazard:

A dangerous condition associated with the possible release of energy caused by **contact** or approach to energized electrical conductors or circuit parts.

 WARNING	
Arc Flash and Shock Hazard Appropriate PPE Required	
6.5 cal/cm² @ 18"	Nominal System Voltage 480V Arc Flash Boundary 38" Limited Approach Boundary 42" Restricted Approach Boundary 12" Prohibited Approach Boundary 1"
PPE: Reference NFPA 70E-2012 Table 130.7 (C)(16)	
Equipment Bus: PAINT ROOM MCC-1 Lockout Device: MDP-1 3B Date: 1/1/14 Reference Document: IEEE Std 1584 through 1584b-2011	



Not IF, but When

Statistics:

30,000 arc
flashes/year (NFPA)

7,000 result in injury
(OSHA)

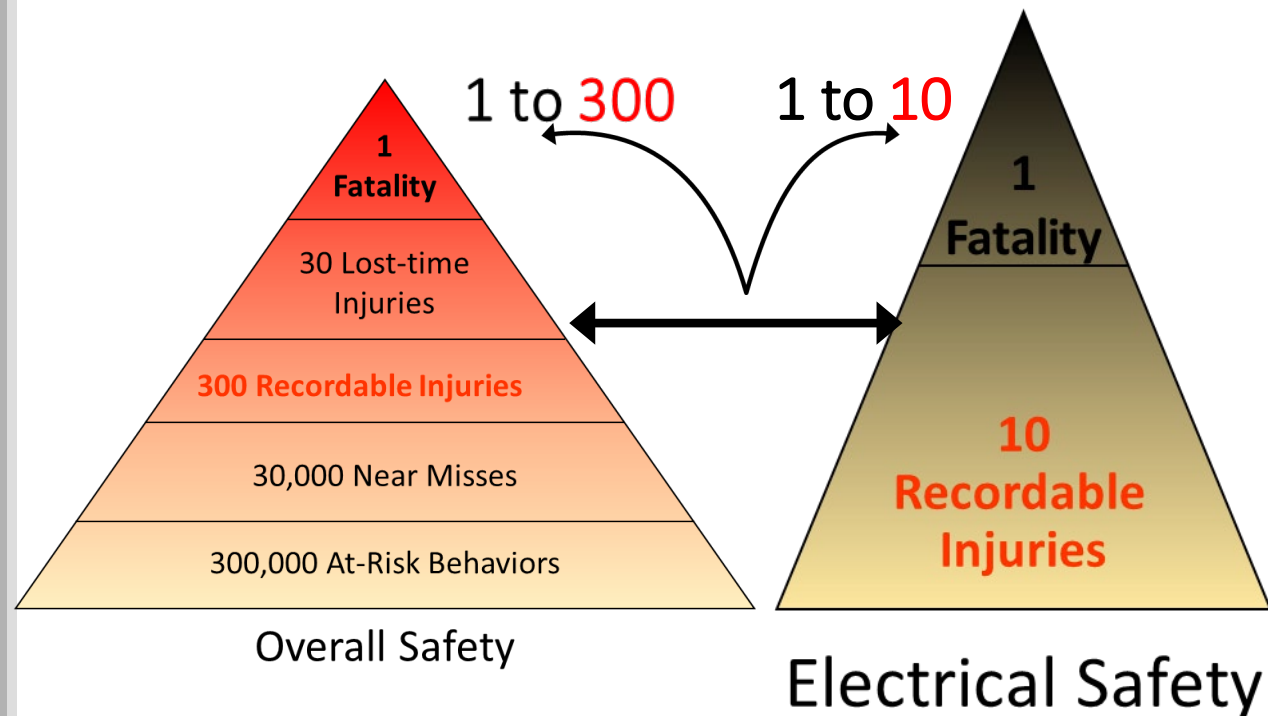
2,000 admitted to
burn center

300-400 fatalities
annually



Importance of Electrical Safety

The Safety Pyramid!





Why an Arc Flash is Dangerous

You don't get just
one...you get them
ALL!

Heat

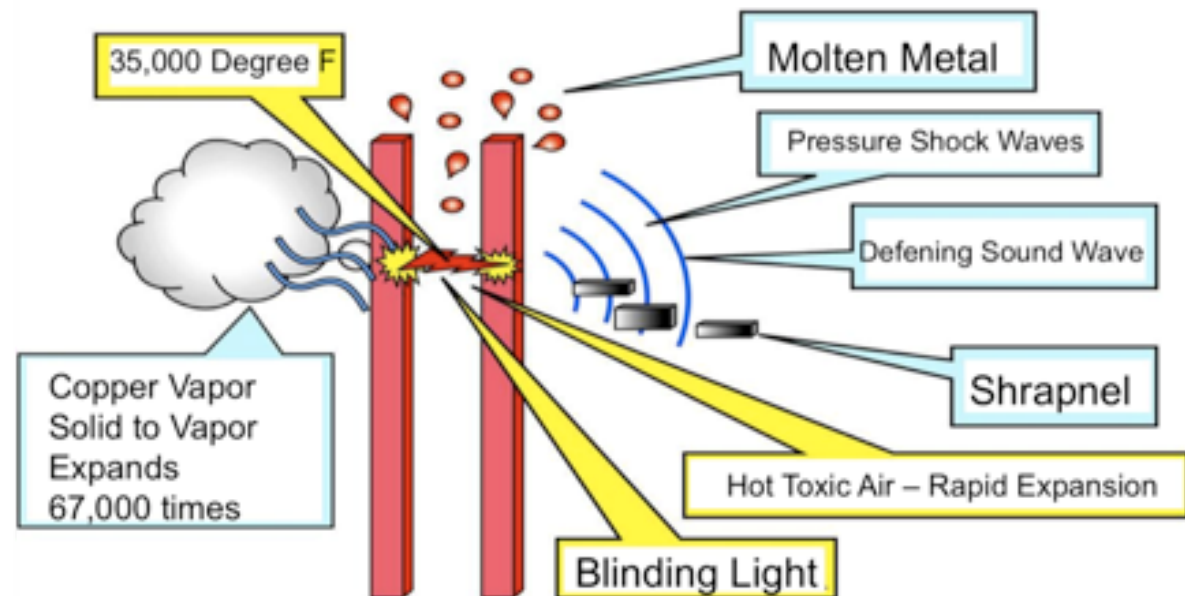
Molten Metal

Sound

Toxic Air

Pressure

Shrapnel





Understanding Body Burn

1st Degree

Red skin, no blister

2nd Degree

Blisters, Epidermis
must regenerate

3rd Degree

Full thickness
burn, skin cannot
regenerate, & scar
tissue forms

4th Degree

Damage to muscle
& bone

Inhalation Injuries



Sources: Burn Survivor Resource Center: http://burnsurvivor.com/burn_types_first

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The Cost of Body Burn

Direct Costs:

Medical

Wage Indemnity

Claims & Admin Fees

Additional Costs:

General Liability Costs &
Litigation

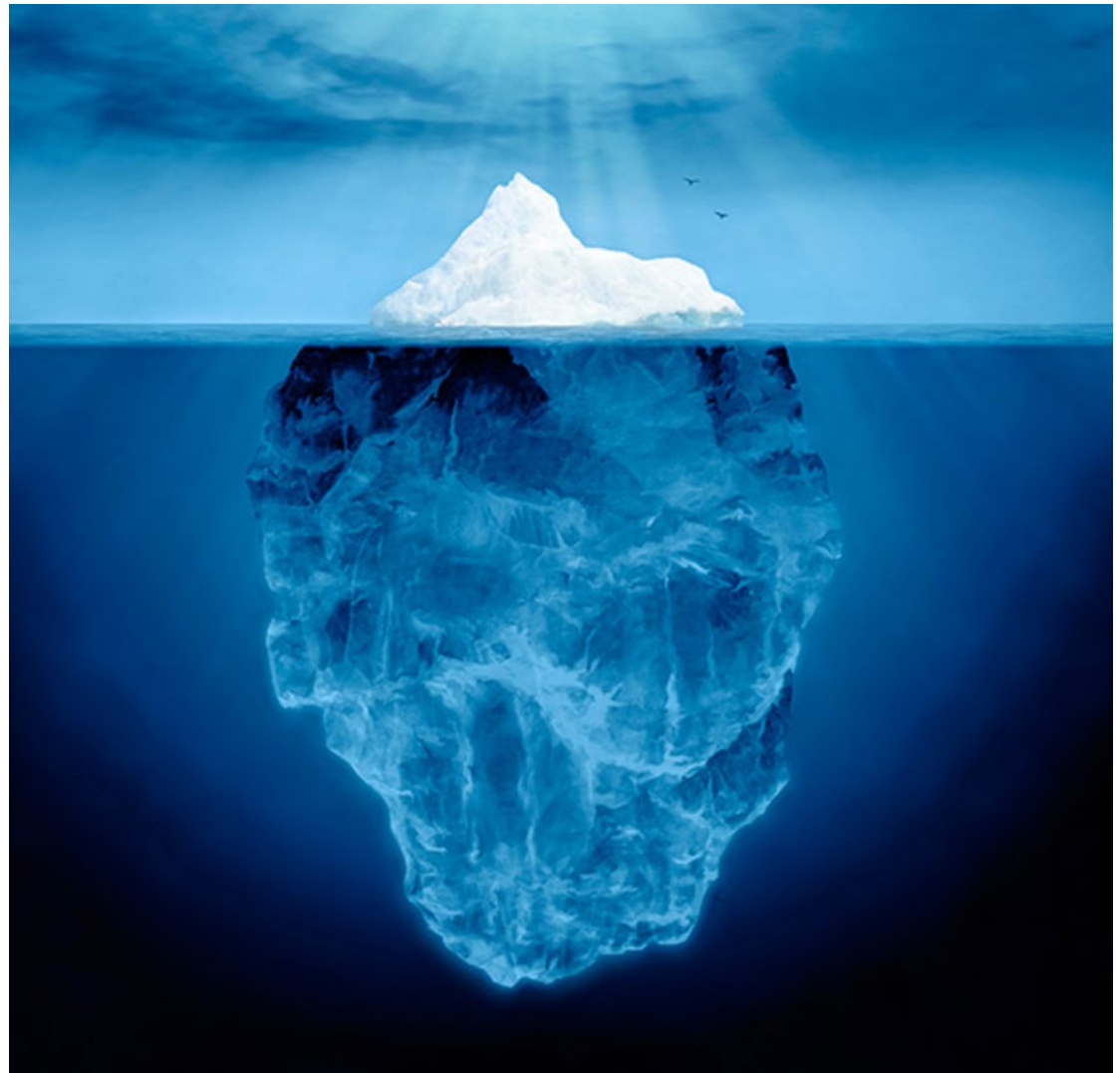
Lost Productivity & Quality

Insurance Premiums

Damage to Public Image

Potential OSHA Fines

Opportunity Costs

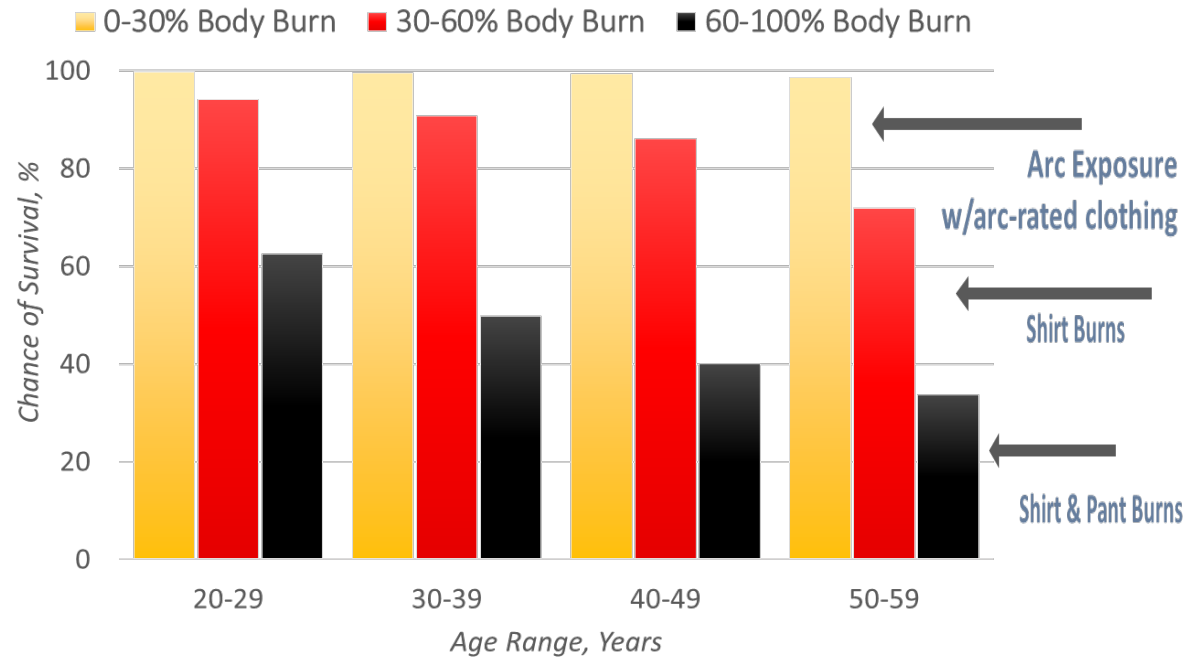


Sources: International Association of Oil & Gas Producers, Liberty Mutual Safety Index
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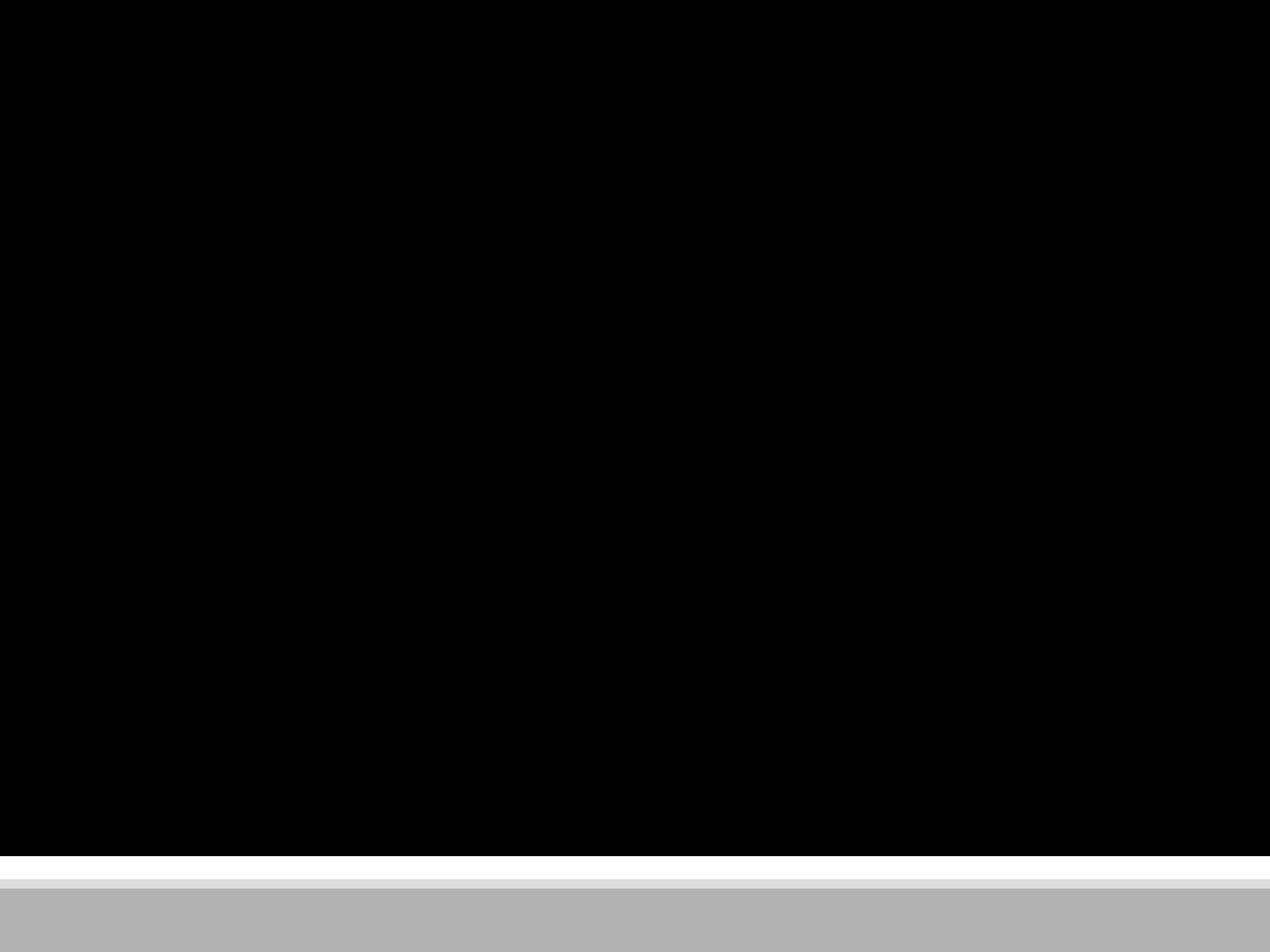
Does PPE really work?

Key Factors to Survival

AGE and % of Body Burn



Source: ABA, National Burn Repository 2019 Update, Report Data 2009-2018, Table 9





NON-FR

EQUIPMENT

200 Amp Disconnect

TEST PARAMETERS

Voltage = 480
 Amperage = 12.5 kA
 Cycles = 10
 Distance = 12"
 "Arc in a Box"

CALCULATED ENERGY

Per IEEE 1584

8.4 cal/cm²

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NON-FR Clips

INDURA® Ultra Soft® Clips

CLOTHING ON MANIKIN

Pant = 100% Cotton

Shirt = 100% Cotton

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CLOTHING ON MANIKIN

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Shirt = INDURA® Ultra Soft® Style 301 7oz; After 100 Industrial Launderings

EQUIPMENT

100 Amp Disconnect

TEST PARAMETERS

Voltage = 480

Amperage = 11 kA

Cycles = 12

Distance = 12"

"Arc in a Box"

CALCULATED ENERGY

Per IEEE 1584

10.4 cal/cm²

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NFPA 70E 2024 Edition



- OSHA enforces NFPA 70E under 1910.132 and 1910.335.



Updates to NFPA 70E 2024 Edition

- Job Planning must include Emergency Response Plan
- New Annex (S) Assessing the Condition of Maintenance
- Moved ALL definitions to Article 100
 - *Definitions specific to an Article will have article in parenthesis
- Verification of absence of voltage at EACH point of work.
- Shock approach boundaries coordinated better to OSHA
- Non-leather protectors with new standard ASTM F3258
- New Hazard thresholds for 2 Articles in Chapter 3
 - *Art 320-Batteries and Battery Rooms
 - *Art 340-Power Electronic Equipment

NFPA 70E Article 110.2 (Electrically Safe Work Condition)

Normal operation of electric equipment shall be permitted where a normal operating condition exists. A normal operating condition exists when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The Equipment is Properly Installed

(2) The Equipment is Properly Maintained

***NEW 2024* (3) The Equipment is Rated for the Available Fault Current**

(4) The Equipment is Utilized Properly

(5) The Equipment Doors are Closed and Secured

(6) All Equipment Covers are In Place and Secured

(7) There is No Evidence of Impending Failure

Arc Flash Risk Assessment

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A. General

1. To identify arc flash hazards
2. To estimate the likelihood of occurrence of injury or damage to health and the potential severity of injury or damage to health.
3. To determine if additional protective measures are required, including the use of PPE.

F. Arc Flash PPE

1. The incident energy analysis method
2. Arc flash PPE category method

Requirements Summary

Site Risk Assessment

- Must be completed every 5 years or if equipment changes have been made

Training

- NFPA 70E Arc Flash Training for all employees who work with over 50v and is done every 3 years. First Aid, CPR and AED Training is also required every two years.

PPE / FRC

- Must provide correct PPE and FRC

Warning Labels

- Updated Labels must be on all equipment that poses an Arc flash risk (3 phase)

Electrical Safety Program (ESP)

- Needs to be reviewed and updated every 3 years

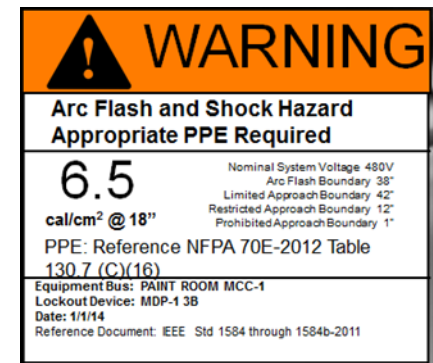
Labels- What needs them?

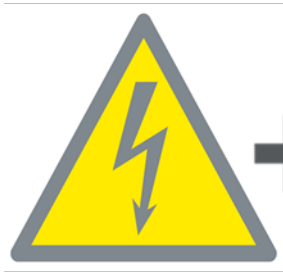
Look familiar?



Bad vs Good Labels

Any of these look familiar?





Arc
Rated
Clothing



Head
Protection



Hand
Protection



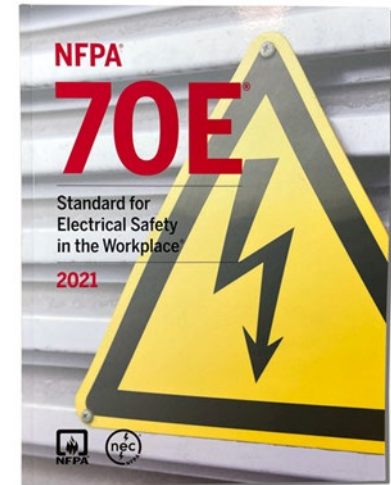
AED



CPR/AED
Training



NFPA 70E
Training



**Comprehensive
NFPA 70E
Program**

CATEGORY 2 REQUIRED PPE

Also fulfills NFPA 70E
requirement of Category 1



- ✓ Safety glasses or goggles ✓
- ✓ Hearing protection (inserts) ✓
- ✓ Insulated rubber gloves with leather protectors ✓
- ✓ EH heavy-duty leather footwear ✓
- ✓ Arc rated long sleeve shirt/coverall (8.0 ATPV or higher) ✓
- ✓ Arc rated long pants/coverall (8.0 ATPV or higher) ✓
- ✓ Hard hat with Arc rated face shield and balaclava ✓

Arc rated coveralls
Arc rated (40 cal) Arc Flash suit jacket ✓
Arc rated (40 cal) Arc Flash suit pants ✓
Arc rated (40 cal) Arc Flash suit hood ✓

CATEGORY 4 REQUIRED PPE

Also fulfills NFPA 70E
requirement of Category 3







Daily wear vs. Task Wear



FRC Standards for Outerwear and Underneath

NFPA 70E 130.7 (c)(9)(b)- Outer Layers

Garments worn as outer layers over arc-rated clothing, such as jackets high **visibility apparel**, or rainwear, shall also be made from arc-rated material.



NFPA 70E 130.7 (c)(9)(c)- Underlayers

Melttable fibers such as acetate, nylon, polyester, polypropylene, and spandex shall not be permitted in fabric underlayers (An incidental amount of elastic used on non-melting fabric underwear or socks shall be permitted).

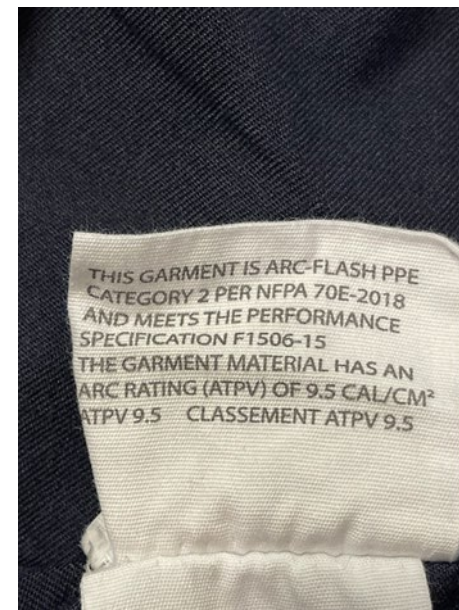




Arc Rated Clothing

Proper Labels

- Needs to show ATPV/EBT Rating
- Fabric Information
- ARC Cat and NFPA 2112 Label outside label
- UL Certification
- ASTM F1506 and ASTM F1595
- Many on Amazon don't have this and Amazon is not responsible



Retail Inspired Clothing is here!!!

No longer do you need to wear clothes that make you look like a rectangle! Seriously!!! Women you don't have to just wear men's cuts either!!!




Head and Hand Options



Arc Rated Clothing Layering Understand

- Must have it certified tested. Cannot just add the labels together.
- Many of the fabric manufactures have testing for their fabric only.
- Typically seen when needing over 12 cals and don't want arc suits

Report # K-418608-1401P16-R0		Test Report Kinectrics Inc., 800 Kipling Avenue, Unit 2 Toronto, Ontario, Canada Tel: 416-207-6000, www.kinectrics.com								
Samples Received: JAN 13, 2013	Samples Tested: JAN 13, 2014									
<u>Tested for</u> Hugh Hoagland ArcWear.com 502-333-0510 arctesting@arcwear.com		<u>Contact information for item tested:</u> Mount Vernon Mills, Inc. 91 Fourth St Trion, GA 30753 706 734 4923								
<u>Test item description</u> Mount Vernon Mills, Inc., 2 Layers, Style Arapaho Twill, 7.0 oz/yd ² 237 g/m ² Twill, 88% Cotton 12% Nylon, Navy, AAD 8.4 oz/yd ² 285 g/m ² over Style Sauk Sateen, 6.5 oz/yd ² 220 g/m ² Sateen, 88% Cotton 12% Nylon, Gray, AAD 7.0 oz/yd ² 237 g/m ² , ArcWear# 1401P16										
<u>Reference Standard</u> ASTM F1959/F1959M-12 Standard Test Method for Determining the Arc Rating of Materials for Clothing										
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Arc Rating, ATPV = 30 Cal/cm² Heat Attenuation Factor, HAF = 90%										
<small>No variations to standard method noted. Break-open Ebt not achieved or determined. Samples tested as received, pre-test laundering as required by standard was arranged by client,</small>										



Care & Maintenance

Inspection

Manufacturers
Instructions

Storage

Cleaning, Repairing, and
Affixing Items.

Key word is SHALL!

See details on Page 32



Important Considerations



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Part II

Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926
Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution; Electrical
Protective Equipment: Final Rule

“The OSH Act and the PPE standards at 1910.132 and 1926.96 make the employer, not the employee, responsible for the care and maintenance of PPE.”

“If employers rely on home laundering of the clothing, they must train their employees in proper laundering procedures and techniques, and employers must inspect the clothing on a regular basis to ensure that it is not in need of repair or replacement.”

“The Agency is not prohibiting home laundering of FR and arc-rated clothing. However, to comply with 1910.132 or 1926.95, employers cannot simply instruct employees to follow manufacturers’ instructions.”

Arc Rated Clothing Proper Use

- Always the outermost layer
- All natural, non-melting undergarments
- Clean, no flammable contaminants
- Repaired correctly and removed from service when needed



Before You Home Launder...

Do not use:

- chlorine bleach
- hydrogen peroxide
- starch
- fabric softeners
- pretreatment products

Use soft water

Launder home and arc
rated garments
separately.





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The Hilgeman Group Accident Investigation File #418



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Conclusions & Next Steps

Set a meeting with
leadership

Present/Discuss changes

Take action

Make improvements

Train & re-train

Revisit Electrical Safety with
every NFPA 70E Revision





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