



Emergency Preparedness

## **Are You Ready for Wildfires? Key Cleanup Hazards and How to Stay Safe**

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Preparation for wildfire season means not only having the right safety procedures and equipment before a fire – but also for the cleanup afterwards.

Even after a fire has passed and the worksite has been cleared for re-entry, many dangers remain for workers involved in cleanup operations. To prepare, consider whether you have the right personal protective equipment (PPE) for the key hazards present after a wildfire.



**HEAD IMPACT**

**Hazards:** Falling objects or lateral impact in an unstable structure

**PPE:** Lightweight, comfortable hard hat with high-quality suspension



**EYE INJURY**

**Hazards:** Dust, soot and other airborne particles; impact from wind, sun, heat and humidity

**PPE:** Glasses or goggles with a sealed fit



**AIRBORNE PARTICULATES**

**Hazards:** Gases, toxic chemicals, fumes and particles that can remain after a fire is extinguished

**PPE:** Comfortable, well-fitting, NIOSH-approved respirator, ranging from disposable respirators, half or full-face masks, to higher levels of protection like PAPRs and SCBAs.



**HEARING LOSS**

**Hazards:** Noise from heavy equipment or power tools

**PPE:** Earplugs or earmuffs that block dangerous noise while allowing worker communication and situational awareness



**HAND INJURY**

**Hazards:** Cuts, lacerations and exposure to dangerous substances

**PPE:** Gloves that resist cuts and chemicals, without sacrificing comfort, dexterity, grip or breathability



**GAS EXPOSURE**

**Hazards:** Dangerous combustibles and toxic gases that can remain after a fire is extinguished

**PPE:** Portable gas detector that alerts worker to danger, with optional remote monitoring for added protection



**FOOT INJURY OR SLIPPING**

**Hazards:** Impact, crush or puncture from debris; slipping on surfaces that are rough, uneven, muddy or slick

**PPE:** Comfortable, durable boots with protective toe cap, steel midsole and ankle protection



**FALLS FROM HEIGHT**

**Hazards:** Ladders, roofs, towers, light poles or other elevated structures

**PPE:** Comfortable, durable fall harness or restraint belt, along with anchor point and connecting device for a complete system of personal fall protection equipment (PFPE)



Get in gear for wildfire season. To learn more and assess your PPE needs for disaster cleanup, please contact your Honeywell sales representative or a local Honeywell distributor.

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