



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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