



CBRN Requirements

In 2003, a new certification (CBRN) was introduced for safety products in the United States. To find out more information about the new CBRN requirements and testing, visit the internet site, www.ready.gov or call the toll-free number 1-800-BE-READY.

The website will give information on what to know in deciding whether to buy escape hoods, gas masks, or other respirators for preparedness at home and work, as well as specific details of the CBRN requirements and testing. The purpose of the CBRN testing is to ensure that CBRN SCBA have (1) good face-fitting characteristics that can accommodate a wide variety of facial sizes and shapes, and (2) instructions for face-piece size selection and donning that are easily understood, easily followed, and effective. Furthermore, each CBRN SCBA respirator is evaluated on a panel of 25-40 test subjects having facial sizes and shapes that approximate the distribution of sizes and shapes of the general population. The website will also give information on the tests performed and how the test results are analyzed.