

# Using Protective Kits in bushfire-affected areas

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These Protective Kits are for use by people returning to properties affected by fire. They are available from your local Community Service Hub, along with additional masks, disposable coveralls and sturdy gloves.

## **FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION DURING INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES NOT FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND CLEAN UP**

The information sheet *Please be safe when returning to your property* is included in the Kit, which details the health and safety considerations that you should know before re-entering your property.

### **Each Protective Kit contains:**

- Disposable coveralls
- Disposable face mask (class P2)
- Sturdy gloves
- Garbage bag to dispose of used safety equipment
- Information sheets: *Using Protective Kits in bushfire-affected areas; Please be safe when returning to your property.*

### **How many kits will I need?**

As the protective equipment are disposable and should not be reused, several kits may be required for each person, depending on the time spent at the property.

Masks, coveralls and gloves should be removed and disposed of whenever you:

- Break from work
- Leave your property, and
- Before entering vehicles

The use of sturdy footwear which can be easily cleaned or washed down when leaving your property is recommended.

### **How to use the protective equipment:**

- Follow the instructions overleaf for guidance on fitting the mask
- Coveralls should be worn over your clothing.

### **To remove and dispose of the protective equipment:**

- Face masks should be removed last
- Disposable coveralls suit must be peeled off inside out and placed in bag
- Shoes must be washed if not being disposed of
- Gloves must be removed and placed in bag
- Clean and wash down footwear
- Remove mask, place in bag
- Seal bag tightly by tying a knot
- Dispose of at any refuse collection point.

### **Further information**

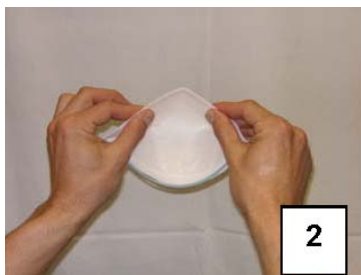
Contact your local Community Service Hub for further Protective Kits or if you have questions on using the Kit.

# Achieving the Perfect Fit: Donning and Fit Checking Instructions for P2 (N95) Mask

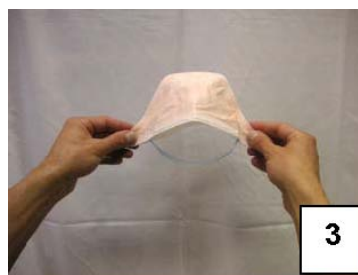
Note: It is difficult for men with beards or moustaches to achieve an optimal fit.



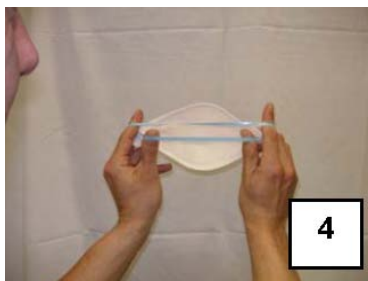
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Separate the edges of the mask to fully open it



2  
Slightly bend the nose wire to form a gentle curve



3  
Hold the mask upside down to expose the two headbands



4  
Using your index fingers and thumbs, separate the two headbands



5  
Cup the mask under your chin and pull headbands up and over your head



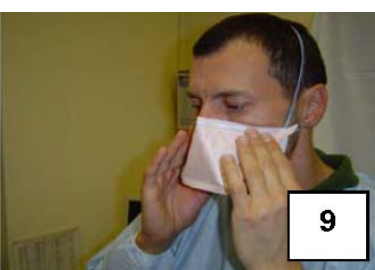
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Place and position the lower headband at the base of your neck (under your ears)



7  
Place the upper headband on the crown of your head. The band should run just above the top of the ears



8  
Gently conform/press the nosepiece across the bridge of your nose by pressing down with fingers until it fits snugly.



9  
Continue to adjust the mask and edges until you feel you have achieved a good facial fit

Now it is time to do a fit check.

- 1 Gently inhale. When you breathe in the mask should draw in slightly towards the face and collapse
- 2 Gently exhale. The mask should fill up with air. It is important at this stage that there is NO air leakage around edges of mask.

**A fit check should be done each time a P2 (N95) mask is worn.**

**Your mask, coverall and gloves should be removed and disposed of whenever you:**

- **Break from work**
- **Leave the property, and**
- **Before getting into vehicles**