

# Respiratory Protection

ISEA is the trade association for respiratory protection.

ISEA members have a seat at the table when standards are being written that affect their products; they get a first look at changes in standards, they influence the development of new standards, and they are kept informed of developments on standards around the world. The Respiratory Protection Group is a key partner to NIOSH and the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory in development and implementation of respirator standards and approvals. NIOSH personnel regularly consult ISEA, and participate in product group meetings. ISEA is also represented on respirator standards committees for fire and emergency services, and administers the US technical advisory group to the ISO international respiratory standards committee.

ISEA gives members a full-time Washington office. They are kept up to date on important developments affecting their companies, and are identified with a respected and responsible organization supporting respirator standards and regulation. ISEA has played a leading role in the development of OSHA respiratory protection standards, and is a strong advocate for policies that protect workers and the public against emerging hazards from terrorism and pandemics.

ISEA members use the association to learn from each other, and work together to improve markets. Information services are tuned to member companies' needs. A market data program to track sales of SCBAs is underway, with quarterly reports to participating companies. The association maintains liaison with organizations representing users, specifiers, health and safety professionals and fire and emergency services worldwide.

In addition to bringing companies together in the Respiratory Protection Group, ISEA membership is a link to the larger world of safety equipment, both in the US and around the world. Companies receive regular bulletins and reports on standards, government policies and proposals, and market intelligence. They participate in the association's Annual and Fall Meetings, where the industry comes together to share information and insight. Members' products are listed in a *Buyers Guide*, published in print and in a searchable on-line database.

For 75 years, ISEA has set the standard for personal safety equipment manufacturers, supporting and promoting the business interests of its member companies, united in the goal of protecting the health and safety of people worldwide.

## ISEA Respiratory Protection Group Member Companies

Aearo Technologies  
Bullard  
 Draeger Safety  
 International Safety Instruments (ISI)  
 3M Company  
 Moldex Metric  
 MSA  
 North Safety Products  
 Safety Tech International  
 Scott Health & Safety  
 S.E.A. Group  
 Sperian Protection  
 U.S. Safety

## Respiratory Protection Standards

In addition to liaison with the NIOSH NPPTL, ISEA is represented on the following standards committees and panels:

ANSI Z88 - Respiratory Protection  
ANSI Z117 - Confined Spaces  
ANSI Z10 - Occupational Health and Safety Systems  
ANSI Homeland Security Standards Panel  
ASTM E54 - Committee on Homeland Security Applications - E54.4 - PPE  
NFPA Technical Correlating Committee - Fire & Emergency Service Protective Clothing & Equipment  
NFPA Technical Committee on Electronic Safety Equipment  
NFPA Technical Committee on Respiratory Protection & Personal Alarm Equipment  
NFPA Technical Committee on Gas Hazards  
US TAG Administrator, ISO TC 94/SC15 - Respiratory Protection  
International Society for Respiratory Protection (ISRP) - sponsor

For more information on the advantages of ISEA membership to your company, contact ISEA at 703-525-1695, or go to our Web site at [www.safetyequipment.org](http://www.safetyequipment.org).