



Respiratory Protective Escape Devices (RPED)

ISEA is the trade association for manufacturers of air-purifying respiratory protective escape devices (RPEDs), commonly known as smoke hoods.

ISEA developed the first US standard for RPEDs, to provide consumers with a reliable way to measure the quality and effectiveness of these devices. The standard, ANSI/ISEA 110-2003, is being revised with a target publication date in 2008.

As an accredited standards developing organization, ISEA ensures that its 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.

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 that is an advocate for standards and regulation to protect workers and the public. The RPED Group is working closely with NIOSH and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, which conducted a study of products for compliance with the ISEA standard for the US Fire Administration.

ISEA members use the association to learn from each other, and work together to improve markets. Information services are tuned to member companies' needs.

In addition to bringing companies together in the RPED 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 RPED Group Member Companies

Draeger Safety
Essex PB&R
ISI
MSA
North Safety Products
3M Company
Scott Health & Safety
Sperian Protection
Xcaper Industries, LLC

RPED Standards

American National Standard from ISEA:

ANSI/ISEA 110-2003 - *Air-Purifying Respiratory Protective Smoke Escape Devices*

ISEA is also represented on standards committees and panels of other organizations, including the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), ASTM International, the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and US Technical Advisory Groups to International Standardization Organization (ISO) technical committees.

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.



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