

# Operating Guidelines

Section: Personnel Safety

Subject: Working Near Water

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## Guidelines

### 204.1

When fire fighting on or near water, **appropriate protective clothing and PPE shall be worn.**

### 204.2

The RIT shall have available PFD's in staging area for immediate rescue.

### 204.3

When operating portable pumps or placing suction lines, the following minimum protective equipment shall be worn;

- fire boots and bunker pants or coveralls and appropriate footwear
- helmet – eye protection
- gloves
- PFD
- Hearing protection

## Responsibility

It is the responsibility of every officer and firefighter to work safely while working around water and to take all precautions to lessen the risk to personnel in case they should fall into the water.