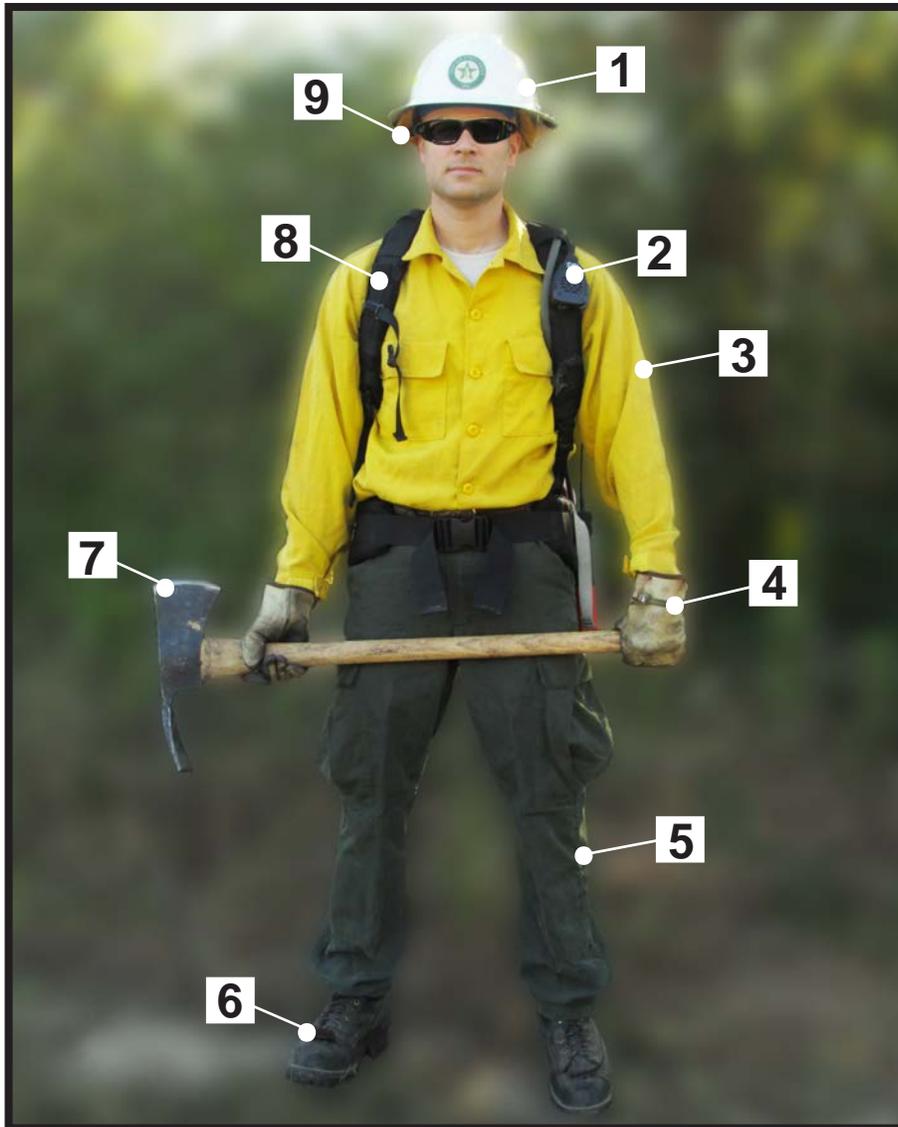


# Wildland Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (P.P.E.)



- 1. Helmet (hardhat).** A critical piece of wildland fire P.P.E., helmets have saved many lives and protect the firefighter from falling trees, limbs and rolling rocks. Special clips are added to attach goggles and night firefighting headlamps.
- 2. Radio microphone.** Connects to radio stored on fire pack and is used to communicate with other firefighters.
- 3. Nomex shirt.** Nomex fabrics are durable and provide good thermal protection. These shirts are loose fitting, have oversized buttons for easy fastening and the collar can be turned up for added protection against radiant heat.
- 4. Gloves.** Wildland firefighter gloves are made of a full-grained leather and are designed to protect the firefighter from blisters, cuts, scratches and minor burns during routine firefighting.
- 5. Nomex/Kevlar pants.** These pants have the same qualities as your typical Nomex pant but the Kevlar blend offers added protection from ripping and tearing.
- 6. Leather boots.** Wildland fire boots are a minimum of 8 inches high, leather lace up with skid resistant soles. Steel-toed are not recommended because of the potential for heat transference on the burned ground.
- 7. Pulaski.** The pulaski, named for Ranger Ed Pulaski is the wildland firefighters hand tool of choice. It allows them to dig fire break trench lines in most terrains.
- 8. Fire Pack.** The fire pack holds essential items that are needed on the fire line: fire shelter, radio, compass, flagging tape, spare batteries for radio, small meal, bottled water, fuses and a first-aid kit.
- 9. Face and Neck Shroud.** When not in use and to aid in face and neck cooling, shrouds are tucked into the base of the helmet, as seen here. When released, the shroud becomes level with the shoulders and fastens securely over the face and neck.