



Protect Workers, Protect Lives

Right to Repair Must Exempt PPE & Safety Equipment

125 Million

U.S. workers rely on PPE & safety equipment to **keep safe on the job**¹



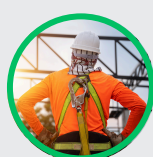
54% of user-repaired farm equipment had **critical safety features disabled or impaired**²

Unlike household goods, PPE & safety equipment is **highly regulated and rigorously tested** to protect the health & safety of 125 million American workers.

Applying Right to Repair principles to PPE and safety equipment could have **deadly consequences**.

Improper repairs or use of non-approved parts can **void federal certifications and lead to serious injuries or fatalities**.

Unsafe Repairs Put Workers at Risk



Fall Protection Harness



SCBA Respirator



Emergency Shower



Electronic Hearing Protection

Risks of Improper Repairs



Fatal fall if the self-retracting lifeline fails to arrest a worker



Asphyxiation, burns or death from failed breathing apparatus or PASS device

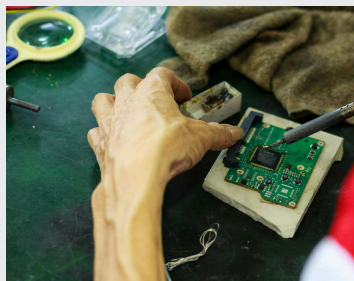


Lethal chemical burns if units fail to deliver immediate flushing in an emergency



Permanent hearing loss if electronic circuits fail to block hazardous noise

When A Repair Goes Wrong



A portable gas detector is **incorrectly repaired and calibrated** by an unauthorized technician who uses non-OEM parts.



A worker enters a confined space, **relying on the gas detector to ensure safe oxygen levels**. He's unaware that it was repaired and calibrated by an unauthorized and untrained technician.



The detector gives a false safe reading. Due to oxygen deficiency, **the worker collapses and dies**.

Right to Repair Conflicts with Multiple Standards



OSHA Is Clear

29 1910.134(h)(4)(iii)³
“[Equipment]...shall be adjusted or repaired only by the manufacturer or a technician trained by the manufacturer.”



NIOSH Is Clear

NIOSH Policy⁴
“...A respirator that includes any replacement or spare part that has not been inspected [by NIOSH staff members]....is not NIOSH approved.”



NFPA Is Clear

NFPA 1852 § 4.9.1⁵
“Technicians shall be qualified and authorized by the SCBA manufacturer to perform specified allowable maintenance.”



Tell Congress

Keep PPE & Safety Equipment
OUT of Right to Repair
Legislation

➤ [Learn more at safetyequipment.org](https://safetyequipment.org)

SOURCES

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