



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Counterfeit Flame-Resistant Clothing Safety Message

Many IMEA members wear Flame-Resistant Clothing (FRC) daily while trusting their health and safety to the garment without a second thought. IMEA encourages all of you to do the research necessary to ensure your FRC is purchased from a reputable source because it can change the outcome of an accident. If you suspect your FRC may be counterfeit, contact the manufacturer immediately and share the results with IMEA so we can share information with others.

IMEA suggests a few easy steps you can take to help ensure your safety:

1. First and foremost, if a deal seems too good to be true, it almost certainly is. If you conduct a search, and receive results priced at \$10 through \$50, for instance, you can be pretty sure the \$10 item is not going to provide you with reliable FR protection regardless of whether it's being presented as "name-brand" FRC. As described in the story above, unscrupulous fraudsters won't hesitate to add counterfeit logos to their fake products.
2. Check out the seller. All major manufacturers of true FR clothing carefully vet the companies that they allow to sell their products. If the seller offering low-cost FR clothing seems to be little more than an email address and does not have a professional website or offer a warranty or returns process, it's unlikely that they are an authorized seller of legitimate FRC.
3. Check the ratings. Most major retail sites allow users to rate their purchases. If you find multiple comments suggesting the item is not genuine FRC, stay away.
4. **EMPLOYERS: If you pay an allowance and the employee purchases their own FR, we suggest you specify what brand the employee can purchase.**

Wherever you choose to purchase your FRC, please use caution and the suggestions above to make sure you're really getting the protection you need to stay safe on the job.

NOTE: We did have a member purchase FR Pants on Amazon for \$35.00 a pair.....