

If you own or intend to purchase one of these masks, **YOU WILL have NO protection** against ANY form of attack. They offer NO protection against: NBC -Nuclear, Biological, or Chemical agents. Many offer NO protection against even tear gas! Also old,(even sealed) filters may become toxic!

EVAC-U-8 Hood

Advertised by some unscrupulous vendors for protection against NBC agents, this mask is actually intended for smoke/fire protection.

Over 27,4000 have been recalled.



CPSC, Brookdale International Systems Inc. Announce Recall of Emergency Escape Smoke Hoods

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Brookdale International Systems, Inc., of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, is voluntarily recalling about 27,400 emergency escape smoke hoods that may have been purchased for use against tear gas or chemical warfare agents. The smoke hood is a one-time emergency use, personal safety device that provides quick, temporary protection from smoke in the event of a fire. In some instances, consumers purchased the smoke hoods for protection from tear gas or chemical warfare agents, but the smoke hoods should be used only to provide protection from smoke caused by fires.

CPSC and Brookdale are not aware of any incidents involving these emergency escape smoke hoods. The recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

This recall involves the EVAC-U8 emergency escape smoke hoods. The smoke hood is a bright green plastic cylinder with a clear red top. The cylinder is about 5- inches tall. The words "EVAC-U8 Emergency Escape Smoke Hood" are printed on the cylinder along with the serial number and expiration date. Recalled smoke hoods have a serial number of A97,921 or higher, and an expiration date of May 1, 2002 or later.

Web-based distributors, catalogues, and travel stores sold these smoke hoods from May 1997 through April 2002 for about \$70.

Consumers who purchased the EVAC-U8 emergency escape smoke hood for protection from tear gas and chemical warfare agents may return the product to Brookdale International Systems, Inc. 1-8755 Ash Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6T 6P3 for a refund, including the cost of postage. For more information consumers can contact Brookdale International Systems at (800) 459-3822 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

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Russian Gas Mask Unless you are assembling your Halloween costume, avoid this ineffective mask. Although the \$19 price tag is enticing, this mask is 30+ years old & does NOT provide NBC protection.

GAS MASK: Russian M41 Aardvark Protective Mask **STATUS:** **INEFFECTIVE 100% obsolete** **DETAILS:** Complete waste of money. These Russian masks are a triumph in the world of completely useless gas masks, possibly the worst mask still being sold by unscrupulous surplus stores & internet vendors. **USAGE:** Russian / Outdated (over 20-30 years old) could be used as a Halloween costume or conversation piece but it will provide 0% protection.

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Canadian M69 C-3 & C-4

The entire Canadian military has removed the C3 from service (replaced by a completely different model, the C4 - also defective) The C3 60mm filter port does not accept NATO threaded filters without plastic adapter.

MASK: Canadian C-4 Protective Mask (C-3 is even older)

STATUS: **INEFFECTIVE 100% obsolete**

DETAILS: Around 30K defective and rejected masks in circulation, commonly found for sale on ebay, and only defective ones have been sold as surplus. There were several problems plaguing the production run but the most common is the wrong adhesive was used to assemble the voicemitters and valves. This results in the adhesive prematurely drying out and the mask literally falling apart. These green-faced masks are on eBay all the time being sold to unsuspecting bidders. A serviceable, current-production, green-faced C4 is about as difficult to find as anything could be. And there are none that have been legally released by the Canadian military.

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MASK: Israeli Military M15, Civilian Adult and Child

STATUS: **EFFECTIVE only when within expiration**

DETAILS: The Israeli masks are actually the single widest used model in the world and are highly effective but only when certain criteria are met; the mask must be within it's 20year lifespan (most are not), must have the valves and seals thoroughly inspected, and must be used with a new, current production [filter](#). We occasionally obtain a shipment of brand new [2003 Israeli masks](#), which are the only Israeli masks that should be trusted.

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ASK: Russian/German M-10-M Protective Mask

STATUS: **INEFFECTIVE 100% obsolete**

DETAILS: Very old model. This type of protective mask should NEVER be used for protecting against any NBC warfare agents.

USAGE: Designed ONLY for protection against tear-gas. (These will most likely not provide this protection as they are ALL more than 20 years expired)

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MASK: Russian SMS Snorkel Protective Mask

STATUS: **INEFFECTIVE 100% obsolete**

DETAILS: Complete waste of money. These Russian masks are another triumph in the world of completely useless gas masks, possibly the worst mask still being sold by unscrupulous surplus stores & Internet vendors.

USAGE: Russian/ Outdated (over 20-30 years old) could be used as a Halloween costume or conversation piece but it will provide 0% protection.

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MASK: M9 or M9A1 Protective Masks

STATUS: **OBSOLETE/ineffective (made in the 50's)**

Details: Uses a 60 mm threaded filter which is very hard to find with a modern & effective filter.

USAGE: Tear Gas, Not used since 1960's, these will provide NO protection, as they are 40+ years

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FILTER: WEST GERMAN (various model #'s)

STATUS: EXPIRED, HEPA ONLY.

DETAILS: This filter is rated at 99.9% HEPA filtration and prior to expiration would be effective against P100 (small particles) agents. Examples: Tear Gas, Unmodified Simple Anthrax & other other non-micronized biological agents. Ineffective against ALL chemical warfare agents.

USAGE: German mfg. for riot & tear gas protection. Manufactured prior to 1980, all lots are EXPIRED.

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FILTER: AMERICAN M-9 (circa 1940) 60 mm threaded filter

STATUS: 100% EXPIRED

DETAILS: Common American issue. (Most from the 50's)

USAGE: US issue during prior to 1950. Use of this filter is highly discouraged, it provides 0% protection and may be toxic on it's own

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FILTER: AMERICAN C2 (check exp. date) & C2A1

STATUS: **EXPIRED -If more than 10 years old**

**** (old filters are known to have Chromium Toxicity
** and are considered highly dangerous)**

DETAILS: To find out if your filter is expired, you must find the printed date of manufacture. Look for the serial number on the can: For Example: RFT 920000CF24054 (sample serial #) (first 2 digits are the year of manufacture) In this example the mfg date: RFT [92] is 1992 These are 100% military surplus filters. The military discontinued use of the C2 in favor of the new/better C2A1 filters. But **Caution:** C2A1 filters provide no protection against ammonia based agents.

USAGE: Obsolete/US Military Surplus only. Recommended to upgrade to a MSA or M95 filter (the same threads/mask fitting). Both protect against all NBC agents and are 100% current issue / used in federal agencies, etc.

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